

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY
DR. L. M. ZIMMERMAN
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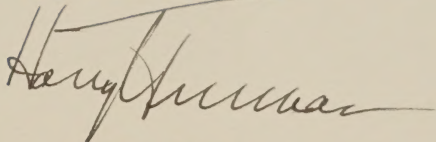
September 23, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Hearty congratulations to you on the notable anniversaries which you are about to celebrate. It is through a benign dispensation that you are permitted to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of your ordination simultaneously with the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of Christ English Lutheran Church, of which you were the first pastor and are now its honored pastor emeritus.

I am sure that the dinner which loving parishioners and devoted friends are tendering in your honor will bring you a flood of joyous memories of such a long and active and useful career. In extending hearty greetings, may I express also the hope that all of your days may be filled with peace and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry Truman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Reverend Leander M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.,
Pastor Emeritus,
Christ English Lutheran Church,
Baltimore, Maryland.



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September 24, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D. LL.D.,
Pastor Emeritus,
Christ English Lutheran Church,
Charles and Hill Streets,
Baltimore, 30, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

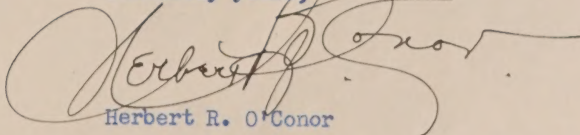
It affords me the utmost pleasure
to join with your thousands of friends and admirers
in Maryland in congratulating you upon the 60th
Anniversary of your ordination as well as upon the
60 Anniversary of the beginning of Christ Church.

Your three generations of outstanding
service have not been confined to the communicants
of your Church or the residents of your particular
area. Your influence for good and your continuing
contributions to every civic objective will be recalled
with appreciation and gratitude by Baltimoreans
of every section and of everywhere.

Mrs. O'Connor joins me in wishing
you many years of happiness and fruitful participation
in the affairs of our city and State.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Herbert R. O'Connor

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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR.
MAYOR

September 23, 1947

Reverend John L. Deaton
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Reverend Deaton:

Kindly extend to the members of the Christ English Lutheran Church my very sincere congratulations on the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of Christ Church and its contribution to the religious welfare of our City.

May I at the same time pay tribute to Dr. L. M. Zimmerman on the 60th Anniversary of his ordination. His record of service in the vineyard of the Lord must be a source of gratification to the thousands to whom he has guided spiritually.

He has made a very real contribution to the spiritual and social welfare of our City and deserves the commendation of all our citizens regardless of race, creed or color. As Mayor of the City of Baltimore, I am happy to be able to pay a deserved tribute to this outstanding citizen.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

September 24, 1947

WM PRESTON LANE, JR
GOVERNOR

Rev. L. M. Zimmerman
Pastor Emeritus
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore-30, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

As Governor of the State in which you have spent a life's labor as a servant of the spiritual needs of so many thousands of its citizens, I want to extend to you the warmest congratulations of the people of Maryland upon the attainment of three-score years in the ministry.

To this I wish to add a personal word of admiration for the record of accomplishment you may now look back upon in the founding of a church which has become a bulwark in the religious life of a great city.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH HOUSE
231 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

October 8, 1947

The Reverend L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.
Christ English Lutheran Church
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

Not only the loyal people of Christ Church, Baltimore, but the entire United Lutheran Church joins in a chorus of thanksgiving to God and in an admiring salute to you on this festal day. Sixty years of pastoral service are amazing indeed and it is inspiring to survey a life which is as distinguished and as clearly marked with God's favor as yours has been.

What distinguishes you is not so much the quantity of your service, it is the quality of your soul that is precious with its sterling traits of loyalty to the best, reverence toward God, and winsomeness which has gained for you the true gold of friendship from many Christians.

We who are your juniors in the ministry universally respect and love you, even though in many instances it is from afar. May the gracious Lord who has watched over you and has manifested His favor so profusely over the years go before you and shield you with His grace.

Faithfully yours,

Franklin Clark Fry

Gettysburg College

GETTYSBURG
PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
HENRY W. A. HANSON

September 27, 1947

I have just learned, through the courtesy of Doctor Deaton, that there will be a banquet at the Lord Baltimore Hotel commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of Doctor Zimmerman's ordination.

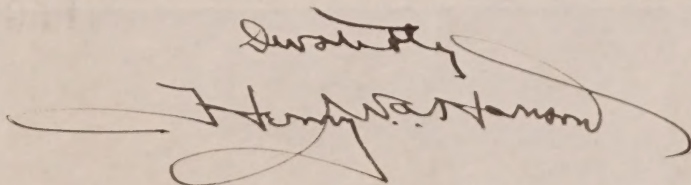
I would feel a keen regret if I were not given the privilege of conveying a message on that occasion to Doctor Zimmerman.

Men are known for such a wide variety of things. Some are known for buildings they have erected--some for bridges they have built--some for business institutions they have created.

Some men attain unique distinction not because of anything they have gained for themselves. This chosen group is remembered for a selfless desire to bring courage, comfort and strength. You can follow their pathway through life by faces that are illumined with smiles and hearts possessed of serenity and happiness.

Doctor Zimmerman, gifted with a rare combination of head qualities and heart qualities, occupies a prominent place among those who have lived to bring to others those rare gifts which can be found only in walking with God. Few men have been given the privilege of walking into the hearts of men and women as completely as our beloved friend.

So, tonight, as you gather to pay tribute to Doctor Leander M. Zimmerman, I want to express my deep affection for him and my gratitude for the great contribution he has made to the work of the Kingdom of God.

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THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

231 MADISON AVENUE
AT 37TH STREET



NEW YORK 16,
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

October 7, 1947

The Reverend L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Beloved Friend:

Some of us think of you as the "greatest pastor in America." In your pastorates you demonstrated so beautifully how richly you deserve that title. Since your retirement your shepherd heart has had such effective expression through your booklets and your letters, it is thrilling for us to think of the outreach of your ministry. What mighty deposits you have made in the bank of heaven!

I rejoice with all my heart to join the large company of those who thank God for your life as you celebrate the 60th Anniversary of your ordination and your connection with the congregation which you and your associates have made, under God, such an impressive producer of creative good.

God give you to know in fullest measure the affection borne you by the countless lives He has blessed through you, and may He lead you gently, dear friend, along the sunset slopes.

Very gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "F. Eppling Reinartz".

F. Eppling Reinartz, Secretary
The United Lutheran Church
in America

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WITTENBERG COLLEGE
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REES EDGAR TULLOSS
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October 6, 1947

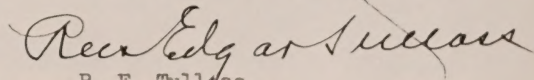
Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Lafayette Hotel,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Ever since I have known anything about the Lutheran Church, you have been one of its recognized and much loved leaders. What a wonderful thing to come to the sixtieth anniversary of one's ordination! That is a privilege accorded to only a few of our Lord's servants.

May the celebration bring you much joy, and may all your days be illumined by the brightness of happy recollections of your wonderful life of service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rees Edgar Tulloss". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

R. E. Tulloss,
President.

RET:LS

Lutheran Theological Seminary

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ABDEL ROSS WENTZ

September 20, 1947

My dear Doctor Zimmerman:-

Here are both my hands and all my heart in congratulation and affection!

For Sixty Fruitful Years God has blessed you and made you a blessing. Generations will call you blessed and invoke divine benedictions on your memory. The vast volume of spiritual ministry and genuine comfort and joy which you have ministered to unnumbered souls through all these years, -- this will be part of your eternal reward in the presence of God.

Your Alma Mater, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, salutes you today with most cordial gratitude for your splendid cooperation in the work of this School of the Prophets. As one of her most distinguished alumni and as a member of her Board of Directors through many years, you have brought blessing and honor to her. Her love and greetings go out to you now in the ripeness of the years.

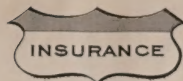
In The Maryland Synod you as my spiritual father and I as your spiritual son have labored together since I was ordained in 1909. The brethren of the Synod now salute you and ask God's continued blessing on all your undertakings past and future.

And I personally assure you of my deep gratitude and affection. For your many words of counsel and encouragement in my work, for your comforting messages to me in a time of grief, and for your many evidences of love and appreciation, -- with all my heart I thank you and pray the great Head of the Church to vouchsafe to you forever a special sense of His presence and blessing.

Affectionately yours,

Abdel Ross Wentz

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September 22, 1947

Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.,
Christ English Lutheran Church,
Charles and Hill Streets,
Baltimore -30, Md.

My dear Doctor Zimmerman:

I am happy to join your many friends in felicitations on the 60TH Anniversary of your Ordination and the 60TH Anniversary of Christ Church, which you organized.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have enjoyed your friendship for many years. I recall the pleasant visits we had during my tenure of office as Mayor of Baltimore and I am still grateful for your call when I was a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

I have observed the long and untiring efforts you put forth in the interest of your Church and its members and you may have a just pride in your accomplishments.

I wish you, on this memorable occasion, many more years of health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Jackson
Howard W. Jackson

HWJ:me

THEODORE R. McKELDIN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
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M. WILLIAM ADELSON
ASSOCIATE

TELEPHONE
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September 26, 1947

Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Pastor Emeritus,
Christ English Lutheran Church,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

The honor of being Mayor of Baltimore is small compared with the honor and satisfaction that comes to me in knowing that I am one of your boys. Through your Christ-like life God has abundantly enriched the lives of literally thousands who have caught your inspiration - inspiration that has come from the life of one who, like the Master, "went about doing good".

It was my good fortune to represent Mayor Broening when I was his Secretary and to speak on his behalf at your Fortieth Anniversary in Christ Church. What I said then I repeat now as my greatest tribute to you. I attended your Church frequently and heard you preach often. One Sunday I came to hear you preach on your advertised subject - "Martin Luther". I was shocked as I heard you begin your talk on Luther apologetically. You stated at the beginning that this was a requirement of the Church and as a true soldier of the Cross you were obeying orders. When you were consecrated to the Christian Ministry you said that you had resolved to preach nothing but Christ and Him crucified.

I have bought and read all of your books and have read all the poetry that you have sent to me from time to time. All of these have but one theme and point in one direction - Gethsemane, Calvary and the open tomb.

Your life has been, is and will forever be a continuing benediction to our people.

"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever".

I shall always subscribe myself

Faithfully and gratefully yours,

Theodore McKeldin



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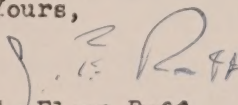
September 29, 1947

Dr. Leander M. Zimmerman
Lafayette Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Those of us who have had opportunity to know of your work only from a distance are immensely glad to share in the celebration with those who have been near at hand during your many years of wonderful ministry. On this 60th anniversary of your ordination we are very grateful for the fine things you have been able to do. Your faithfulness and joy in your work have inspired far more individuals in their own work than you will ever know.

Yours,


G. Elson Ruff

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CHICAGO LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

CHARLES B. FOELSCH, PH. D.
PRESIDENT

October 8-1947

Dear Doctor Zimmerman: My dear friend—I thank God for that friendship!

Sixty good years you've been an ordained minister—I thank God for your ministry.

You have blessed me as have few men; the example of your faithful ministry stirred me to nobler endeavor; your cheerful counsel more than once dispersed gloomy moments for me; your heart-to-heart preaching made a better preacher of me; your friendship made roses to bloom for me—again and again.

Thank you, dear friend—may God continue to give you "work to do and strength to do the work" in all the good days that lie ahead.

Sixty good years in the ministry.
Thank you, friend

Gratefully yours
Charles B. Foelsch

Doctor L. M. Zimmerman
Hotel Lafayette
Washington, D.C.

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Office of the President

September 26, 1947

The Reverend Leander M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.
Lafayette Hotel
Washington, D. C.

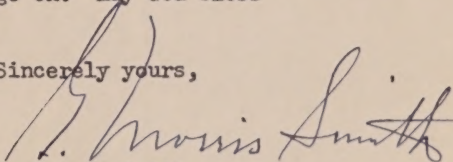
Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is a distinct privilege to be among those to bear a personal testimony as to the deep affection in which you are held by countless friends. Your life as a minister of the Gospel has been blessed with an abundant fruitage. Your friendship with so many people, and particularly with your ministerial colleagues has been a source of great joy to us all.

We admire your unwavering faith in God's love and the radiance of your spirit, induced by your simple faith in Christ our Saviour. We are grateful for the energy and zeal which you have shown down through the years in building up the Kingdom of God. We value the friendly interest which you have always shown toward your younger colleagues in the ministry.

Many of us have been privileged to spend blessed hours in your company. We wish for you upon this great occasion much happiness in the midst of your wide circle of friends. May your peace and joy be undiminished as the days go on. May God bless you with the riches of His Grace.

Sincerely yours,


G. Morris Smith
President

GMS:jr

Lutheran Theological Seminary

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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September 25, 1947.

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

It would be hard to think of anything the writing of which I could undertake with more sincere joy than a tribute to my dear and good friend, Dr. Zimmerman.

It was not my privilege to know you well until you had supposedly retired. But long before I became your neighbor in Washington, I was one of a great company to whom the blessed work which the Lord had wrought through you in Baltimore was both an inspiration and a vision of the things which are possible for a Church.

And then, when our paths crossed, you made me see that what was called your retirement was rather your entry upon one of the greatest ministries a witness for Christ could be called to. What a light you have brought into the lives of the multitudes to whom your printed words have come! And to us who walked with you, and therefore had more than the printed page, what you are in yourself brought the greater blessing.

To me personally you were so gracious that you made me feel that I was welcome in the inner circle. I am both thankful and happy for the many hours we shared. They are a treasured memory.

I learned what looked to me like the fount of your blessing when I heard you tell of your daily conversations, as you speak audibly, with Him whose holy will is your supreme desire. You have made Him more radiantly near to us too.

I rejoice to be one of the multitude who join in the celebration of this sixtieth milestone in your public ministry. And with that multitude, I pray that God may grant you years of both health and joyous service in His name.

With warmest affection, I am

Most heartily yours,

Carl C. Rasmussen
Carl C. Rasmussen.

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October 8, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

I speak not alone for myself but for all the good people of Christ Church when I extend most hearty congratulations to you on this, your and our Church's, 60th Anniversary. We thank God for you and for all that you have meant and still mean to us, our Church and the Kingdom of our Lord. Yours has been a truly remarkable ministry, whether judged by length, diversity, or fruitfulness. Others may have held higher official positions in the organized church, but none has saved more souls or put more of the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of men, women and children.

You have often referred to Christ Church as your bride. We feel that we are rather your child. You were the human agent to bring this church into existence, and under your wise guidance and energetic leadership she has grown into a church second to none. But whether bride or child, we love you with all our hearts.

Speaking more personally, it is with deep humility and fervent gratitude that I am privileged to be one of your successors and thus one of the chief beneficiaries of your long and fruitful ministry. To me you have been a true friend and brother in Christ, a most helpful counselor, and a spiritual father. Without your invaluable assistance, I could never had so fruitful a ministry in Christ Church. My debt to you is impossible to pay. I can only assure you of my eternal gratitude, my highest admiration, and my unwavering devotion. So long as God gives me strength, I shall carry on in your spirit to perpetuate your work.

Our prayer is that God may spare you to be with us for many years to come, and that His richest blessings will be upon you in the eventide of your life. We stand ready to minister to you at any time and in any manner that you may desire.

Affectionately yours,

John L. Deaton

**Lutheran
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CHURCH OFFICE:
212 EAST CAPITOL STREET

September 22, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Christ Lutheran Church
Baltimore, Maryland

My very dear friend,

You will receive many letters from devoted and appreciative friends on this high occasion in the history of Christ Church and your life career but I refuse to take second place to anyone else in the deep friendship I feel for you and the profound appreciation in which I cherish your life work.

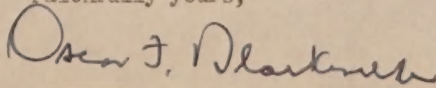
I can never forget the first time I met and visited you in your home on Hanover Street. You forgot that call in the midst of hundreds of others, but I never can. And then, I am thinking of March 6, 1925 (my birthday) when you attended the first Noonday Lenten Service I ever conducted in Zion Church and asked me to have lunch with you afterward. You took me to Hornick's and before we could order our meal, you closed the menu card and said, "I want you to be my successor". Nobody could do that. You have no successor, but I prize among the chief privileges of my life to have "worked at the same bench where you worked".

I think I can appreciate as few others can how great and permanent your ministry really was and is. Few men in all America have sustained the devotion and loyalty of such a glorious congregation as Christ Church. You perhaps preached to more people than any other man in Baltimore's history. You entered the entire city's life as much as any other big-city Lutheran pastor in America. For all this and a hundred more reasons I join the grateful throng to thank you and thank God for you on this glorious 60th Anniversary of Christ Church and your ministry.

The circle of your influence has spread mightily since you retired from the active pastorate of Christ Church in 1925. May God grant you many more years of ever-widening ministry.

My boys, who regard you as one of their grandfathers, and my wife join me in truest friendship on this happy day and always.

Faithfully yours,



Oscar F. Blackwelder

Morris S. Lazon
7401 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore 8, Maryland

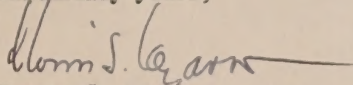
October 2, 1947

Dear Dr. Deaton:

I wish it were possible for me to share in the singularly moving exercises on October 8th marking the 60th ordination anniversary of the youngest old man that I know.

My memory goes back to my earlier days here in Baltimore, when I saw Dr. Zimmerman from time to time. He has been an exemplar for every man in the ministry and in him are combined all the rare qualities of scholarship, personal insight, profound sincerity and deep religiosity which should characterize the ideal minister. Were I there, I should like to tell him that his life has been a blessing and to invoke upon him the ancient priestly benediction: May our kind Father keep him in all good.

Faithfully yours,


Morris S. Lazon

Rev. Dr. John L. Deaton
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Columbia, S. C.

September 29-1947

Dear Dr. Zimmermann:

Most hearty congratulations to you upon the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of your ordination into the Gospel Ministry.

What a ministry you have had! There are few that can be compared with it in length, and none that I know of in some of its most characteristic aspects.

It has been your privilege to preach to thousands upon thousands of people, and to minister to other thousands in person. You have warned, instructed, cheered and comforted still other thousands by your simple, fervent and beautiful printed messages. Not least has been your ministry of "example," as your life has gone into the lives of many who never met you in person.

It is a great joy to me, only seven years your junior in the ministry, to be permitted to send this greeting with assurances of esteem and affection.

Very cordially

W. H. Greer

The Board of Education

The United Lutheran Church in America

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TESTIMONIAL TO THE REVEREND LEANDER M. ZIMMERMAN, D.D., LL.D.

Called by the Lord to the ministry of Good News for the salvation of men, and called by His Church to labor in the City of Baltimore, Dr. Leander M. Zimmerman has served for sixty years in the visible Kingdom of God. His record of achievements at Christ Lutheran Church is equaled by very few pastors throughout the whole Christian world. His poems have been more extensively circulated in large numbers than those of another other person.

Through his faithfulness to the Lord, through his loyalty to the Church, through his devotion to people, through his wisdom expressed in poetry and prose, in sermon and song, and through his personal sacrifices for Christ's sake, Dr. Zimmerman has gained the admiration and love of tens of thousands in all walks of life, has received honors from educational institutions, and has been blessed by our heavenly Father.

To a ceaseless worker through years of service and retirement, a faithful friend of all classes in all conditions, a conscientious minister aware of his own responsibilities and his right relations to other ministers, and a sincere lover of his Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America is pleased to ascribe these words, and to join with the host of his friends in giving thanks to God for his life, his service, his friendship and his interest in the cause of Christian education.

.....John L. Deaton.....
.....Gould Wickey.....
.....Mildred E. Winston.....
President
Secretary

Gettysburg Pa Sept 27, 47.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Hearty congratulations on your completing 60 years as an ordained minister of the Gospel! So few is it granted to serve in the ministry as long and so effectively. Then I look on the shelf of books in the Seminary Library which all contain literary productions from your fertile pen. I live in a house made possible for me and others by your ministry. India has similar provision in a Rest Home for missionaries. What a useful ministry! Hearty congratulations and all good wishes that the evening of life may be even brighter to be followed by endless day. With expressions of high esteem and admiration I am

Very sincerely John Wesley

Lutheran Theological Seminary
GETTYSBURG, PA.

HARRY F. BAUGHMAN
DIRECTOR OF FIELD WORK

To Dr. L. M. Zimmerman:

Upon the occasion of the 60th
anniversary of his ordination and
association with Christ Lutheran Church,
Baltimore, Md.

"Time is not life -
For many and many more
living is simply for a time not dying.
But not for me - - -
Whatever it is that fills life high and full
Till fate itself can do no more -
It is not time."

Edwin Arlington Robinson.

I know of no one whose these lines
so completely describe as you. Living for
you has never been "simply for a time not
dying." You have known that which
"fills life high and full till fate itself can
do no more." For you that something
has been the knowledge of the grace of
God in your own life, and the faithful,
earnest transmission of that which you
have experienced unto others. As your
own life has enriched and blessed others,
so may God continue to bless and
enrich you - is the earnest prayer of
one humble, grateful admirer.

Very Sincerely
Harry F. Baughman

Lutheran Theological Seminary

GETTYSBURG, PA.

Sept. 29, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is a pleasure to join your many friends in saluting you on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of your ordination to the Gospel Ministry. You have been an apostle of good cheer throughout all of those years. I can go back before them and recall your Senior year in College. You were the same distributor of sunshine then as now, and your cheery greeting was not lost on a callow Freshman. You have well earned the recognition you are now receiving. You have never ceased being a preacher of good tidings. Like Caleb you can stand among your fellow ministers and say, I am as strong this day as I was when I was ordained; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, both to go out and to come in." Like Shakespeare's Adam in As You Like It, "Though I look old, yet am I strong and lusty. For in my youth I never did apply hot and rebellious liquors in my blood, nor did not with unbashful forehead woo the means of weakness and debility; therefore my age is as a lusty winter, frosty but kindly." May your bow long abide in strength, and may you continue to scatter the sunshine of your life message like the golden leaves of autumn.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert C. Allen

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To the Angelic Doctor Zimmerman:

Blessed be the Lord our God
Who has sent you to preach the Gospel of our Saviour and to
shepherd His children in the grace of His Holy Spirit.

You have demonstrated the great truth that "Christianity
is the spirit and quality of life breathed into people from
fellowship with Jesus." You have been God's instrument of His
peace, for you have sown love in the promising soil of human
lives. You will live longer than the present century, for you
will live on from generation to generation in the lives of
the children of those you have brought to Christ. Your service
in the Name of The Lord Jesus will bear fruit in the seed's
seed for ever and ever. The spirit, graces and virtues from
God in your life and work will never die.

'Art builds on sand: the work of pride

And human passions change and fall;

But that which shares the life of God."

With Him surviveth all.

God bless you, my father and brother, and radiate His glory
in your soul, and breathe into you His peace as you continue
your journey in His companionship toward the delectable land
of undying life. With deep admiration for your achievement
and great gratitude for you, I am

Affectionately yours,

Harvey Daniel Hoover

September 29, 1947

The Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Baltimore
Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

You have been a help to me since my days as a pastor in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. It was there that I began using some of your literature for my members, especially for sick people and shut-ins.

Later in Reading, Pennsylvania, as inner mission pastor, I received from you each year a package containing a substantial quantity of your booklets of heart-reaching verses. I distributed many of them and the deaconess in our organization also used them in hospital visitation. Wherever I gave them out they attracted attention and people now and then asked me for additional copies to give to friends. Even now, as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, I have sent a few of these wonderful little booklets to several people for whom they had a real message.

That you have continued to use your consecrated talents in the service of God and humanity is reason for thankful appreciation to you from those who know you and who know the blessing you have actually been through your ministration of courage and faith.

Let me add my good wishes for a happy occasion on the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of your Ordination.

With my profound respect and high regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick F. Fiedler

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September 30, 1947

The Rev. Leander M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
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Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Permit me to add my expression of appreciation to the many which you are receiving in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of your ordination and association with Christ English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

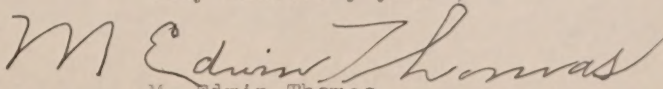
As I think of you and the long time you have served as a Gospel minister, I feel that your name should be Saul in stead of Leander for you stand head and shoulders above those with whom you have been associated. Most of those with whom you began your ministry have gone to their eternal reward. Others who are still in the ministry began their work for the Kingdom long after you went to Christ Church.

Another reason why you stand out uniquely is the fact that during your entire ministry you served but one congregation. As I think back over the years I am sure I could count on the five fingers of my one hand the men who have had similar distinguished careers.

Congratulations on the 60th Anniversary of your ordination. May we wish for you many more years of fruitful service. Mrs. Thomas joins with me in congratulating you on this auspicious occasion.

With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


M. Edwin Thomas
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The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.
Christ English Lutheran Church
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

To have been called into the ministry of Jesus Christ is an high honor. To have been a factor for sixty years in touching and shaping thousands of lives through loving Christian service and fine Christian friendship is an exceedingly rare privilege. The rich memories of your long ministry must bring precious joy to you. God be thanked for its fullness.

May He who has kept you through all these years continue to bless you with health, joy and peace. The richness of His grace rest upon and be with you always.

I am glad to be one who rejoices in your long ministry.

Sincerely yours,

C. Franklin Koch

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October 3, 1947

The Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is rare that eminence for sixty years in a high calling affords the rank and file of us the chance to express our sense of appreciation of such distinguished service, and I am glad to be numbered among the multitude of those who rejoice with you on your anniversary.

Your life of devotion to Christ's cause and of helpful service and good will to all is in sharp contrast to the discord and strife of our day, and is an inspiration to many far beyond your immediate touch and reach.

The whole Church has been stirred and moved by your exceptional ministry and by your wise counsel and beneficent spirit during these latter years.

May God give you health with His grace and un-faillingly the sense of His abiding Presence.

With affectionate regard,

Sincerely yours,

William C. Schaeffer

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September 30th, 1947

Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Washington, D. C.

Dear old friend,-

It was an invitation eagerly accepted to share in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of your ordination. I have just passed my 35th and have been thinking that was a long while. Yet it is not the number of your years as a good minister of Jesus Christ that most demands recognition. It is the quality of your ministry. You have literally loved men into the Kingdom. You have translated the gospel of redemption into living human personality. You have helped uncounted thousands to know the Friend through the winsomeness of your own friendship. Even when retirement offered you release from the duties of your calling you continued to minister to the souls of men through the printed word. Many a sick-bed has been made more comfortable because of your messages in verse or prose. The overflow of your faith and love has been a blessing on all who have known it from the days when you knelt before the ordaining pastors to the present. May God continue to bless you with opportunities to minister in Christ's Name to the end of your days and when release comes from life here, may you know the joy of eternal fellowship with the Christ your life has witnessed.

Have a happy anniversary. It is gloriously coming to you!

Faithfully

Amos John Traver
Amos John Traver

Lutheran Diaconess
Motherhouse
Baltimore
Sept. 27, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

Congratulation upon
your 60th Anniversary of ordination
to the Gospel Ministry, and your
association with Christ Lutheran
Church, Baltimore.

Your influence has
gone far and wide. People have
been cheered and comforted through
your spoken and written words.

Your interest in the
Diaconate, particularly in the early
days, has meant much to the
diaconesses and the Work at large.

We thank God for
your life and pray His blessings
upon you now and always.

Sincerely,
Sister Martha Hansen

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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September 26, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Pastor Emeritus
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Baltimore 30, Maryland

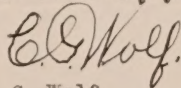
Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Hearty felicitations and cordial greetings to you on the occasion of the observation of the sixtieth anniversary of your ordination to the gospel ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This is an attainment which very few of God's servants are privileged to reach. Your ministry in Baltimore has been most effective not only in your own congregation but in a more ecumenical sphere, and many souls still retain the memory of your spiritual impress.

You have been richly blessed with God's grace through the years. You have enjoyed good health and a long and useful life. May the good Lord of the Church bless you in the years He still allots to you and in "His afterward" reward you through His bountiful hands in the Church Eternal.

Most cordially yours,



C. G. Wolf

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Wednesday, October 8, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman,
Hotel Lafayette,
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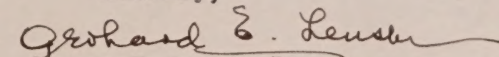
My dear Dr. Zimmerman:

As one who has been privileged to know you in something more than a casual way, let me join with so many of your loving friends and offer you my heartfelt greetings and my sincere good wishes on this high anniversary occasion.

Your work, under God, has been richly blest. You have reared the temple of God in human hearts and lives. The fruit of the tree you have planted and nourished through the years is fruit that shall abide. I think I know better than do some other of your friends the industry that has filled the years since your retirement from the active ministry and the wonderful use you have made of them in bringing cheer and sunshine to thousands of "shut-ins" throughout the land. Such good has come from this effort that you must know that God's blessing has been and still is upon you.

May His sustaining care ever abide with you. In the assurance of His love, may you now possess joy and peace.

Sincerely,


Gerhard E. Lenski, Pastor.

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September 25, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

The Boards of Directors and Trustees of our Council of Churches joins me in congratulating you for the founding of the congregation of the present Christ English Lutheran Church. And particularly to express our greetings during this 60th Anniversary Year.

Our Council of Churches wants you to know that we have appreciated the Christian Leadership that you contributed to the community during your years of service as the pastor of Christ English Lutheran Church. Your personal and public services and the great achievements that you made in furthering the cause of Christ and his church will be a monument to your leadership and devotion in the community. Your work, your poems and writings have carried with them a great inspirational message to people everywhere. May God richly bless you in this your 87th year of life and service.

With the very best of wishes I am

Most sincerely yours,

Willis R. Ford
Willis R. Ford

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Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

Yesterday I had the thrilling experience of speaking to a large crowd of Church School folk at Christ Lutheran Church. I understand it was the 60th anniversary of such an occasion in the church which your vision and zeal founded.

This morning I was re-reading your little booklet "Mellow Fruits of Experience" written by you back in 1936.

Since last June I have been chaplain of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society at the City hospital and Marine Hospital.

Here it has been my happy privilege to give out countless number of your fine tracts.

These three items each of which center in the activity of one who long since has passed the "three score years and ten" of which the Psalmist speaks are but indicative of the great blessing God has brot thru you, to this world.

On this 60th anniversary of your ordination and birthday of Christ Lutheran Church, let me add my felicitations and best wishes. May the wish expressed in Zech. 14,7(b) be granted to you.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. A. R. Horn.

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October 25, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Pastor Emeritus
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets,
Baltimore 30, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman -

I regret that absence from the country on an official mission to the critical areas of Europe made it impossible for me to attend the testimonial banquet held October 8, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary both of your ordination and of the beginning of Christ English Lutheran Church.

However, even though late, I do not wish to forego the opportunity of adding my congratulations to those of your many friends who met to show honor to one who has contributed so greatly to the common good in our city. The high esteem and affection in which you are held by so many thousands is a memorial which cannot be surpassed in stone or bronze. It must bring you unlimited joy and satisfaction to see the endeavors of your life crowned with such great success.

May I join with your other friends and admirers in wishing for you many happy years in which to carry on your good work, and to continue to reap the rewards of a busy and useful life.

With all good wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. V. Trump



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Sept. 24. 47

The Rev D. R. M. Zimmerman,
Christ Lutheran Church.
Balto. Md.

My dear D. Zimmerman:

May I add my word of congratulation to the many you will receive. Yours has been a great life, because you have been truly God's servant. What a day it will be when God shall open His book and show you the roll of those who came into His Kingdom through your ministry. For all the years given, for the use of your gifts by word and deed we thank you. May He continue to let His love and light shine thru you upon others. The dawn and noontide have yielded a richest harvest, may life be filled with the glory of the eventide now.

With every good wish and prayer
for your happiness & peace

Sincerely yours

James Oosterling

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September 18, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Christ Lutheran Church
15 E. Hill St.
Baltimore 30, Md.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is a pleasure for the Inner Mission Society of Baltimore to send its greetings to you on the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of Christ Lutheran Church. It is only repetitious to mention the presence of the indelible impression of your personality upon the church as well as the community in which you worked during the years which you served in Baltimore. One cannot move far in any circle in the life of Baltimore before he meets someone who speaks about you during your ministry here.

Our Society has deeply appreciated your interest in its ministry of mercy which you have shown through the years. The concern of the members of Christ Church for those whom we serve has helped us to be of value in carrying out the commission of Christ. The booklets which have come from your pen and which you have so generously donated have been of great use to us in our ministry in institutions.

We are grateful to God for the grace which he has so abundantly permitted to flow through you to others and we pray that you may continue to find His blessings richly manifested.

Most sincerely,

L. N. Zahn
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LNZ:m

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Baltimore, Md.

October 1, 1947.

Dear Dr Zimmerman,

As I think of you and the service you gave to your beloved "Christ Church" and the people of South Baltimore, I am sure this prayer of Arthur Detmer was yours also.

To grow a little wiser day by day,
To school my mind and body to obey,
To keep my inner life both clean and strong,
To free my life from guile, my hands from wrong,
To shut the door on hate and scorn and pride,
To open up to love the windows wide,
To meet with cheerful heart what comes to me,
To turn life's discords into harmony,
To share some tired workers heavy load,
To point some straying comrade to the road,
To know that what I have is not my own,
To feel that I am never quite alone —

This would I pray
From day to day,

For then I know
"My life shall flow
In peace until
It be God's will"
I go. "

Every blessing be yours —
Sister Gola

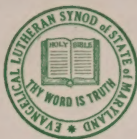
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September 18, 1947

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D
Lafayette Hotel
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:-

When I was a student in Seminary you came to my room, sat on my bed and challenged me with the High Calling of the Ministry. I will long remember your visit, your words of inspiration and encouragement. I then wondered about that Pastor who did not know me but was interested in me.

My first call was to the Maryland Synod and there you were, continuing your words of encouragement. You were one of the few men who verbally expressed your gratitude to me as Secretary of Synod. I want you to know that I appreciate all you have done for me personally and for our great Lutheran Church.

May you continue in God's love and care. Congratulations!

J. Frank Fife

JFF:IMM

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September 25, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is a real honor to share in this most exceptional double anniversary occasion of Christ Lutheran Church and its founder, the Pastor Emeritus.

It is a wonderful thing to be permitted to climb upward and onward year by year, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It is a great thing to continue climbing ever nearer the spiritual sublimities of life. Surely the joy of joys, the ecstasy of ecstasies, the triumph of triumphs is not in standing by yourself upon the mountain of God with sunlight in your soul, but in standing there and looking around on many, many others who, except for you, could ~~ne~~ never have reached those lofty heights at all.

With your life and words of poetic beauty you have held before the eyes of your fellow pastors and many others, these rare sparkling gems: a) Smiling Patience, b) Self-giving Love, c) Trust in God, d) Seeing the Brighter Side, and e) Making the Best of Things.

With your celestial words of Life and rhythmic beauty you have turned on the sunshine for many a dark soul. How greatly your gracious Christian spirit has influenced, encouraged and continually inspired your fellow ministers, is beyond imagination. Truly you have dwelled in the secret place of the Most High and are abiding under the shadow of the Almighty.

Not only at Christ Church, but among your brethren in the Gospel Ministry and wherever your name has been heard, you are appreciatively remembered like a fragrant and beautiful Divine Tradition.

May your noble and blessed ministry continue, by the Grace of God, to quiet restless and anxious hearts and to brighten dark homes to the glory of God.

Most sincerely,

John C. Stuff
John C. Stuff

Congratulations!

Who of us in the old "General Synod" does not know and love Dr. L. M. Zimmerman? We love him for what he has done, and, what a record!

Not only for Christ Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md., but for thousands of sick and unhappy people everywhere. Not only with his poems and writings, but with his smile and kindly deeds. I know, for it was Dr. Zimmerman who helped me out of difficulties many times back in old Gettysburg. How I would love to see him again. If what he tells us in some of his poems is true, I will.

Long live Zimmerman! Happy Congratulations!
Sincere friendship!

J. M. Francis
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My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this
letter finds you the same. I have been thinking
much of late about the future of our country
and the state of our Union. I feel that we are
in a critical position and that the future of
our country depends upon the wisdom and
courage of our leaders. I hope that you
will be able to do something to help our
country in this time of need. I am, dear
friend, very truly,
Your friend,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Catonsville, Md.

I am very happy to know that Dr. Deaton and those associated with him have originated a becoming celebration to honor Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, who organized Christ Lutheran Church sixty years ago. It is indeed a rare privilege for this eminent Minister of the Gospel to recall a continuous association with this congregation all through its history as Pastor and Pastor Emeritus.

Through the fifty-two years of my ministry I have enjoyed a close friendship with Dr. Zimmerman. It is pleasant to recall that for about twenty-two years I was associated with him as part time assistant.

From him I learned many things as I observed him praying with and heartening the sick, talking with the discouraged and consoling the bereaved. These experiences linger in my memory and grow more hallowed as the years increase.

Personally and by mail we have distributed from our home a vast number of Dr. Zimmerman's books and booklets. They are regarded as part of our household effects. Glad I am also to write that Dr. Zimmerman baptized our two children at the Font in Salem Church and married our daughter at the Altar close by.

(Signed) John C. Bowers, D. D.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
HAGERSTOWN, MD.

September 25, 1947

Rev. L. M. Zimmerman
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Zimmerman,

I am very happy in the privilege of uniting with your many friends in offering sincerest congratulations to you upon the occasion of your Sixtieth Anniversary in the Christian Ministry.

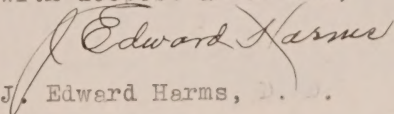
Yours has been a glorious ministry in the Church!

Your beautiful life - beautiful in its humility - beautiful in its self-forgetfulness has been an inspiration to us who have known and loved you through the years.

All through your long ministry you have faithfully preached the Gospel of the redeeming love of God through Jesus Christ.

May Heaven's richest blessings be yours always!

With deepest affection,


J. Edward Harms, D. D.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecticut Ave. and Everett Street, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.
Henry W. Snyder, D. D., Pastor

Listen, my friends, and you shall hear,
Of a wonderful minister, preacher and seer;
Throughout our whole church he has gotten his fame,
ZIMMERMAN, Doctor L. M., is the name.
In the early years of his life, he was called,
And in Christ Lutheran Church he was later installed.
A new mission it was, with resources quite small;
Not much of an outlook, a man to enthrall.
But soon 'neath the hand of this man of God true,
It added new members; its ranks grew and grew.
Their leader's devotion, and real Christian love,
Directed the people to heaven above.
Before them he walked, as a true pastor should;
From the pulpit he gave them real spiritual food.
In home and in church, he sounded th' alarm,
To warn all God's saints of the Satan's great harm.
The flock that was little when first he took charge,
Grew in numbers and influence most wondrously large.
Then fruitful his ministry, thirty-eight years,
He chose to retire midst a great flood of tears.
Yet even to-day after twenty-two years,
No more welcome guest in Christ pulpit appears.
'Tis said of the powerful Samson, in death,
He slew more opponents than while he drew breath.
So our good friend and preacher in supposed days of ease,
Sends out many booklets of poems; and these

Give God's comfort to hearts where the voice could not reach;
To pray, be submissive, courageous, they teach.
When time is no more, and eternity breaks,
Those thousands of voices, like mighty earthquakes,
Will testify freely around the great throne.
"His sermons, his writings, his life, be it known,
Have shown us the way to our Father in heaven.
The credit to his consecration be given."

Sixty years in God's service, what a record, good friend!
Our prayers for your joy to His Kingdom ascend.
May He keep you and guide you throughout all your days,
As ever you live that His name you may praise.
And when we shall look on His glorious face
May we all sing forever, "Salvation by grace."
To Father and Son and the Spirit, our prayer,
"Give us more Dr. Zimmermans; their kind is too rare."

Cordially and sincerely,
Lenn G. Snyder

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND

HERBERT M. PAYNE, Pastor

September 24, 1947

The Reverend L. M. Zimmerman
Pastor Emeritus
Christ Lutheran Church
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear. Dr. Zimmerman:

Congratulations on the Sixtieth
Anniversary of your ordination and pastorate
at Christ Church.

Your ministry has been a unique
one. Your labors have been a blessing to our
city and shall continue to bless us for a long
time to come.

God grant you His peace and give
strength to bring new blessings to us till He
calls you home.

Sincerely,


Herbert M. Payne

THE SHARPSBURG PARISH

OF

THE MARYLAND SYNOD

DR. WILLIAM A. WADE, PASTOR

P. O. BOX 123 TEL. 771
LOVETTSVILLE, VA.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH
(ORGANIZED 1879)
ROHRERSVILLE, MD.

SALEM CHURCH
(ORGANIZED 1800)
BAKERSVILLE, MD.

TRINITY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(ORGANIZED 1768)
SHARPSBURG, MD.

MT. ZION CHURCH
(ORGANIZED 1844)
LOCUST GROVE, MD.

September 25, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman,
Lafayette Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend and Brother:

It is my pleasure and honor to join many others in personal congratulation and felicitation on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Founding of Christ Church, Baltimore, and also the Sixtieth Anniversary of the founder's connection with the church.

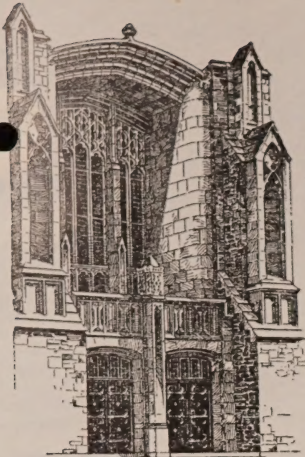
I rejoice with you on your splendid service during these years and the remarkable record of the church to which you gave your life-work so completely and so unreservedly, and also on your distinguished work of writing and publishing so much for the enjoyment and comfort of many people. God has blessed you abundantly in health, strength and ability for all your labors.

I recall with pleasure your calling me down town in Baltimore one day to tell me of your decision to retire and your request for me to suggest a younger pastor as your successor. I suggested Rev. Oscar Fisher Blackwelder of Va. Heights Church, Roanoke, Va. I was requested to recommend him to the congregation after his sermon, which I did in the presence of an overflow congregation, and on request, I met with you and the committee later to consult with Pastor Blackwelder. Your work has been continued most ably through the years, and God has blessed Christ Church in many ways.

My greetings and congratulations to you, my dear Brother, and my best wishes for you in the years yet ahead.

Cordially and lovingly,

William A. Wade



First English Lutheran Church

NORTH CHARLES STREET AT 39TH
BALTIMORE, 18, MD.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER ENDERS, D. D.
PASTOR

September 25th 1947

PHONE, UNIVERSITY 0463

Rev. L. M. Zimmernan D.D. LL.D.
Pastor Emeritus - Christ Lutheran Church -
Baltimore - Md. -

Dear Friend and Brother -

I am very happy
to join your thousands of friends
at this great celebration. Your life
and work is an indispensable
memorial. May you be shared
many more years to enjoy the
esteem of your fellow workers and
to render further Christian service.
Your friend. Martin Luther Enders -

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

"The Church of the Open Door"

SEVENTH AND D STREETS

SPARROWS POINT-19. MARYLAND

REV. HOWARD H. RITTERPUSCH, PASTOR

September 25, 1947

The Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Pastor Emeritus
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Md.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Greetings in Christ upon this memorable occasion of your Sixtieth Anniversary. How richly "our Father" has blessed you is clearly evidenced by the multitudes who regard you as their spiritual fathers. As a lad I can remember hearing the name and the fame of Dr. Zimmerman. A mountain of spiritual influence has been fashioned to the glory of God, our Saviour, which will go on through the long years to come, bringing men to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. It is a joy to share in this well-deserved recognition to the patriarch of Lutherans in Baltimore.

Sincerely yours,

Howard H. Ritterpusch

Second English Lutheran Church

624 W. LOMBARD ST.

Baltimore-1, Maryland

ROLAND W. RENKEL, PASTOR

PARSONAGE

1127 N. LONGWOOD STREET-16
TELEPHONE, LAFAYETTE 3819

September 24, 1947.

The Rev. Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." All of us here in Baltimore know of the fruitfulness of your labors in the vineyard of Christ Lutheran Church.

Christ Church symbolizes the visible and tangible evidence of your consecrated efforts. Its outreach is unique. It stands as the monument of loyalty, devotion, and love. Your unstinted devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and your compassion for the souls of men have made the spirit of Christ Church.

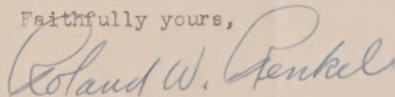
There are many invisible and intangible evidences of your patient, understanding, and loving ministry. Your personal touch has brought peace and quiet to the hearts of many homes, comforted the sorrowing, and assisted the uncertain pilgrim on "The Way".

You have been an inspiration and example to your colleagues in the ministry. We stand and watch as you the good shepherd leads his sheep beside the still waters to drink of the "water of life."

Your ministry and life has been a rich harvest for the Lord. The ministry of Christ English Lutheran Church has been a blessing and a strength to Baltimore City.

The Congregation and Pastor of Second English Lutheran Church of Baltimore extend to you and your beloved Christ Church our best wishes and God's richest blessings.

Faithfully yours,



Roland W. Renkel, Pastor

LUTHER PLACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

The downtown United Lutheran Church in the Nation's Capital

Thomas Circle, 14th and N, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

L. RALPH TABOR, D.D., Pastor

September 15, 1947

Dear Doctor Zimmerman,

Normally, I look forward to meetings of our Church Council, but this time I regret that we meet on October 8. You see, I'd do my best to get into the Lord Baltimore Hotel on that night to join in honoring one of my best and dearest friends!

Many indeed are the contributions which you have made — and continue to make — through the years. Not the least of these is the gift of your friendship shared generously with young men of our beloved synod. From the day of my installation as pastor of Zion Church, Middletown you have given me the counsel, the affection, and the inspiration of Paul to Timothy.

Your healing shadow is lengthened, not only in the great institution which you established by God's grace, but in the millions of persons who have been blessed by your ministry of word and deed.

To Luther Place Memorial your presence is always a benediction. To the pastor association with you is an inspiring privilege! May God keep you in His care always.

Your friend and debtor,
Ralph Tabor

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

REV. EDWARD R. BLEY
308 BUCHANAN STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 11, D. C.

September 15, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Pastor Emeritus
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles & Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

As one who has profited much from the gentle example of your spirit, I take great pleasure in extending my personal congratulations to you on the sixtieth anniversary of your entrance into the ministry. The times when our paths cross in Washington are always an inspiration to me; for you stand before me as one who, having placed his hand on the plow, did not turn back but moved steadfastly forward for the glory of God.

May God's richest blessings always be yours.

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. Bley

St. John's Lutheran Church

EST. 1775 A. D.

REV. F. R. WAGNER, D. D., PASTOR

MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

THE PARSONAGE:
305 W. MARTIN STREET

September 25, 1947.

The Rev. L.M.Zimmerman,D.D.

Lord Baltimore Hotel,

Baltimore,Maryland.

My Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

Heartiest congratulations to you and to the well grown child of your wonderful ministry,Christ Lutheran Church of Baltimore. What a great joy it must be to have lived to see this great occasion and in the eighty seventh year of your richly blest life; you can now look back over the past three score years to the beginning of your ministry which was also the beginning of the church which is now one of the largest and most influential in a great city and state. May this recognition occasion bring you joy.

Many thousands have thanked God for your wonderful ministry unto Christ and unto your fellow men. Many,very many, are better in Christian faith and character for having known you. Personally I am grateful to you for a friendship lasting through my own ministry. I believe that your hand was among those upon my head when I was ordained, forty six years ago.

May our Lord's blessing ever continue upon you both in this life and in that which is to come."Servant of Christ, well done."

Most Fraternally Yours,

Fred R. Wagner

September 16, 1947.

Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D. D.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

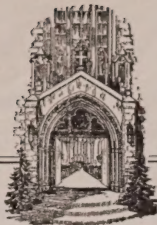
My dear Dr. Zimmerman:-

My respect for
you and appraisal of your worth to Christ
and His Church were both born thirty years
ago. They were healthy and good at their
birth. As the love of God worked in and
through you in the intervening years, my respect
for you and awareness of your worth to Christ
have become majestic and timeless. May
Christ grant you many more days amongst
us.

Most respectfully yours,
Rev. Harman F. Miller.

Grace Lutheran Church

ELWOOD S. FALKENSTEIN, Pastor
23 CARROLL STREET



WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

September 16, 1947

I am happy to add my word of greeting and congratulations to Dr. L. M. Zimmerman on this anniversary occasion. While I have been a fellow pastor in the Maryland Synod for only a few years, my esteem for him dates from my college days. It was then that I in some manner received a copy of his book of popular reflections on ethical and social topics, "Sparks". From the time I was in seminary down the years to the present I received from him hundreds of copies of booklets of poems and prayers which I have distributed to the sick and shut-in.

I have never heard Dr. Zimmerman debate an issue on the floor of synod. I have heard him preach only twice. But I have cherished the memory of his brief conversations and the written or verbal reports he made for the Board of Directors of Gettysburg Seminary - these reports were spiritual essays rather than statistical summaries.

For thousands of silent people he has made a contribution toward the deepening of the wells of their faith, hope, and love. He has brought sunshine into their dark rooms. He has made "roses bloom again".

Providence has blessed him with many years, and through him, humanity has been blessed by a ministry that has stretched out beyond the years of his active pastoral relationship.

Elwood S. Falkenstein
"When the world is at its worst, a Christian must be at his best."

Gettysburg College Alumni Association

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

REV. DR. F. R. SEIBEL, PRES.
R. D. 1, WESTMINSTER, MD.

C. P. CESSNA
SECRETARY

October 8, 1947

The Rev. Leander M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.
c/o Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

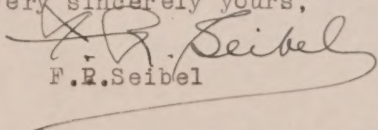
Nearly a score of years ago you were kind enough to take two Seminary students, doing clinic work in Washington churches, to lunch with you. While I have long since forgotten what constituted that meal, I do not think that I shall ever forget the excellent advice given with it. Advice, which out of the years of your own fruitful experience, has many times spoken to me when faced with the problems of my own much briefer ministry.

Today I have the honor to offer you, together with my thanks, greetings, congratulations and best wishes in a multiple capacity. First, as one of those two students who, like yourself, has spent his entire- (though as yet much shorter) ministry in the Maryland Synod. Second, as president of the conference from whose territory you entered the ministry. Finally, as president of the Alumni Association of our Alma Mater, Gettysburg College.

It would be difficult for me to decide in which capacity my greetings are most heartily extended, but be assured, sir, that in no capacity is the place of the recipient thereof dependent upon an alphabetical listing of his surname. Rather, as with another who desired to be remembered "as one who loves his fellow-man, the name of Zimmerman heads all the rest!"

With every good wish and the prayer that the Lord may continue to richly bless and keep you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,


F. R. Seibel

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

16 September 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman,
Lafayette Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Congratulations to a faithful shepherd on the
Sixtieth Anniversary of the fruits of your labor.

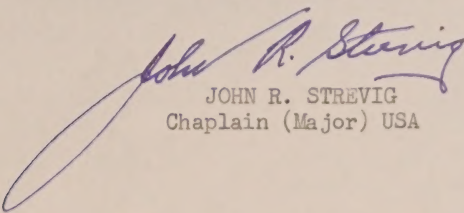
Christ Church has towered high in the Maryland
Synod and the entire United Lutheran Church challenged
by a magnanimous soul and prince in the work of our Lord.

In the 87th year of your life you have seen crowned
the faithful, loyal expression of what our Savior expects
of His undershepherds.

Your journey in life is in the company of grateful
young pastors who admire and cherish your unchallenged
devotion to duty and meritorious performance of your
calling. We're all eternally indebted to you.

May God give you health in the future and happiness
in retrospect.

Yours in His Service


JOHN R. STREVIG
Chaplain (Major) USA

ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

COLESVILLE ROAD AND HIGHLAND DRIVE

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

September 16, 1947

The Rev. Dr. Leander M. Zimmerman, Pastor Emeritus
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

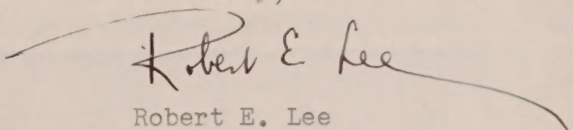
Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

It is a great joy for all of us at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring to join with your ever widening host of friends in conveying greetings to you on the wonderful occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Christ Church. What a great joy it must be to you to look back on those early days of Christ Church before the turn of the century, and now to see how down through the years a miracle of Christian influence has spread the love of Christ into thousands of human hearts because you have loved and served Him and have led others to love and serve.

Phillips Brooks' words come to mind when we think of you! Preaching is imparting truth through personality! So, for sixty years the light of Christ has been shining through your radiant faith and personality. It shines in Baltimore and in the Maryland Synod and in the United Lutheran Church, and it shines around the world in the lives of those who have known you personally, and it shines, too, through the ministry of your writings.

We pray God's blessing upon you on the memorable occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Christ Church, and we pray, too, for many more years of your ministry to us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robert E. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Lee
Pastor
St. Luke Lutheran Church
Silver Spring, Maryland

NORTH CARROLL PARISH

REV. GEORGE H. SEILER, *Pastor*

LINEBORO, MARYLAND

September 16, 1947.

The Reverend Dr. L. M. Zimmerman,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Several years ago we were told that "Life begins at Forty." Recently I heard it said that the ideal years of life are from sixteen to twenty five. As I have known you for only the last twenty years, I cannot claim any superior knowledge concerning all the years of your past life; but I am sure that these latter years have been ideal years without exception.

Many of your younger brethren in the ministry would be very happy to exchange places with you, were they to be assured that they had accomplished a fraction of what you have done. We have many pastors in the Maryland Synod but we have only one Dr. Zimmerman.

I give you my sincere congratulations. The past sixty years have been great in accomplishment. You have preached and lived the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have been a blessing to many.

I hope that you will be with us for many years so that your continued presence will be an abiding benediction in our midst. May God continue to bless you richly.

I am, Sincerely yours,

George H. Seiler

George H. Seiler.

175th ANNIVERSARY FUND DRIVE

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

FUNKSTOWN, MARYLAND

REV. R. M. MILLER, PASTOR

MR. JOHN D. HOLLYDAY, CHAIRMAN,
175TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK

September 18, 1947

My dear Doctor Zimmerman,

Eighty-Seven years is a wonderful age to attain! May the day that marks your birth pass with many blessings. Yet, you have often stated that it is not the length of a man's life that counts so much as the quality of life he lives. Our blessed Lord himself left this earth in the years of early manhood but the world still can not catch up with his spiritual glory and moral grandeur which he imparted in his brief ministry. So, not only do I wish you God's richest blessings on this your birthday, but also a prayer of gratitude that God can send men like you to serve His Church. For it is the quality of life that you have given that has blessed all of us.

As a little boy I ran the streets of Baltimore. My parents on both sides were Lutheran. I can recall even as a child how my grandparents and parents would talk about you. And now as a Pastor myself I envy that quality the Lord endowed you with the made people radiant when you touched their lives.

As a youngster I heard you preach. It was a special occasion at my congregation, St. John's, Pimlico, to which Dr. John Fleck had invited you. It is the only time that I can recall as a boy that I wanted to be sure of getting to church that Sunday so that I might see this Pastor that so many people spoke about.

You have served us well. We in the Church salute you. God grant that your boys may be full on this day and on many days to come.

Sincerely,

Ray Miller

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

NORTH CAPITOL STREET AND RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

WASHINGTON 2, D. C.

September 16, 1947

REV. PAUL L. REASER, PASTOR
1433 WEBSTER STREET, NE.

PHONES:
RESIDENCE: DUPONT 6267
STUDY: NORTH 7632

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., L.L.D.
Dean of All Lutheran Pastors
Citizen of Earth and Heaven

Dear Friend in Christ:

What a rare and glorious occasion -- to celebrate a Sixtieth Anniversary in the ministry of our Lord, and especially to see the life of a congregation grow from infancy to maturity under that ministry. What great things God can do with a man who gives himself totally into His hands.

Dr. Zimmerman, your whole life and work have been a glowing light in the ministry of our beloved Lutheran Church. Your fellow-ministers have seen Christ, the Light of the World shining through you.

God grant that all of us who preach and teach the glorious gospel might keep it burning as brightly!

Please accept my humble but sincere congratulations upon this Anniversary. No matter how many or few may be our years to meet one another here, I look forward to meeting you again up there where a goodly fellowship will be gathered before the throne of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Paul L. Reaser

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Congregation Organized 1757

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING
OCTOBER 5 TO 12, 1947

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"The Family Fellowship"
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PHILIP BOWER, PASTOR
ROBERT R. SAYLER, SECRETARY
CHARLES L. SHARRER, TREASURER



CHURCH AND PARISH HOUSE

G R E E T I N G S

In the Holy Name of the Lord Jesus.

From an old friend, yet a youngster,
who was born 1897- Your most wonderful work for the Lord
Jesus at Christ Church was ten years old before this fellow
started sounding forth.

I am very happy to send you, Dear Dr.
Zimmerman congratulations and very best wishes for every
thing body, mind and soul for years yet to be and for
all Eternity.

God grant you the riches of His grace
and glory.

"At evening time it shall be light"

Sincerely yours,

Philip Bower

The Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church

7005 YORK ROAD, STONELEIGH

Baltimore 12, Maryland

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September 18, 1947.

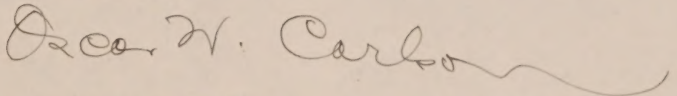
Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

The pastor and members of the Ascension Lutheran Church add their congratulations to the many honors which the 60th Anniversary of the Christ Lutheran Church will bring upon you. It must be a most thrilling experience to be able to stand in front of the sixty years of history which parallels the life of Christ Church and to see that all the cataclysmic changes of the world have only etched deeper the lasting character of your ministry.

Some of the members of Ascension Church were once sheep in your fold and they unanimously hold up their former beloved pastor to their new pastor as one worthy of emulation. All of us have been blessed by your ministry -- for you have been a helpful pastor, an able preacher, a church builder and as persistent in scattering hope and sunshine as the sun itself. Above all, you have blessed us peculiarly by being just "dear Dr. Zimmerman" to whom even now we refuse to affix the word, "old."

With best wishes and

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Oscar W. Carlson". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

Oscar W. Carlson

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Henry R. Spangler
LUTHERVILLE, MARYLAND

September 19, 1947

My dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I am making this contribution to the booklet of letters of greeting and congratulations in this your 87th year of your life, 60 years of which have been spent with Christ Church, either as its pastor, or pastor emeritus. This is an unusual record in the service of our Lord both in length of time and by virtue of the fact that this prolonged ministry was carried on in one and the same congregation.

The congregation that by God's grace you were permitted to found and serve so long is unique among many congregations. Its members have had a sense of loyalty and pride in their church that I have never seen exceeded anywhere, and this same dependable devotion has been maintained during the ministry of your two most capable successors.

Your colleagues in the Gospel ministry and the Church At Large have been most grateful and greatly benefitted and inspired by your ministry of retirement. It was not retirement to which you returned when you resigned the active ministry of Christ Church, but further blessed work for the Church At Large. The booklets of poems and other writings which you have produced so frequently have brought a real message and have been a real comfort to many. Your ministry continued to radiate joy and inspiration and touched even more people than when you were the pastor of Christ Church.

We greet you and thank you again because many hundred copies of your writings have been distributed to St. Paul's members all free of charge.

May God continue to bless you with some further health and strength and opportunity to serve your fellowmen further.

Yours in the fellowship of Christ,

Henry R. Spangler
Henry R. Spangler

Manchester, Maryland
September 18, 1947

Dr. L.M. Zimmerman
Washington
D.C.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

As pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, Maryland the church of your boyhood days, when you made your decision to enter the Gospel Ministry, I have a special interest and pride in sending you these greetings and congratulations. Our entire congregation joins me in congratulating you and Christ Church of Baltimore upon your long, fruitful, and happy ministry. Best of all, the work which you started sixty years ago is continuing to grow and increase in the extent of its influence as a river of pure water sending its life giving stream into a parched world, bringing the more abundant Life to many.

Our prayer is that God may bless you and Christ Church upon this auspicious occasion and through out all the years of the future.

Mrs. Rehmeier and Mary join me in sending you our love and best wishes,

Most sincerely,

Louis H. Rehmeier

Westminster, Md
September 19, 1947

The Rev. L.M. Zimmerman D.D. LL.D.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

I am happy to send you personal greetings on the occasion of the celebration of sixty years of service which you have rendered the influential Christ Lutheran Church of Baltimore. I wonder whether any man could ever duplicate your accomplishments. The magnificent work which you have done cannot be fully evaluated, nor can the influence of your faithful ministry be measured. I am eager to join your host of friends in sending you congratulations upon this anniversary occasion.

I beg to send you also the greetings from the St. John's (Leister's) Lutheran Church of Carroll County. We at St. John's are mindful of the fact that in your youth you were enrolled as a member of the Sunday School. Your friends in St. John's join me in wishing you great joy and happiness, with the hope that God may grant you many years of service, as you continue your blessed ministry.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Willis R. Brenneman

GEORGETOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

"IN OLD GEORGETOWN"

To Dr. R. M. Zimmerman.

It is a rare privilege, and a genuine honor to add a word of felicitation in behalf of Dr. R. M. Zimmerman, on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of his ministry and of his founding of Christ-Lutheran Church, Baltimore. Both through his kindly personal contacts, and through the happy medium of his bulletins and poems, Dr. Zimmerman is not only pastor-emeritus of Christ-Lutheran Church, he is also pastor, spiritual advisor and friend to all Lutheran pastors and their people. May the sunshine of God's benedictions continue, with increasing glow, upon his pilgrim ages.

Fraternally

Harold E. Beatty.

9-20-'49

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

of Boston

Winthrop Street, Roxbury 19, Massachusetts

Parsonage and Parish House

22 Moreland Street, Roxbury 19

Phone HIGhlands 6354

September 20, 1947.

Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

It is a real privilege to be able to contribute a word of greeting to you on this festive occasion.

I shall always cherish the memory of my contacts with you - especially of our breakfasts together in Washington while I was student pastor at Luther Place.

Your beautiful poems are a real inspiration to me and to all those to whom I have given them, particularly the patients at Baltimore City Hospitals. Those folks always look forward to receiving them and keep them among their most cherished possessions. Time after time patients told me that when they were blue or depressed, they looked to your poems for comfort and cheer.

Mrs. Orso joins me in extending heartfelt greetings to you on this day of your Sixtieth Anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Orso

Paul M. Orso.

REV. W. V. GARRETT, D. D.
PASTOR

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church

FOUNDED 1738

Frederick, Maryland

PARSONAGE AND CHURCH OFFICE
33 EAST CHURCH STREET
PHONE 482

September 19, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Congratulations from a congregation in which you have many friends! And from a Pastor who has been helped in many ways by your fruitful messages and by the inspiration of your Christlike character. It has been a great privilege to know you and to feel the impact of your influence in our Synod.

The members of the Church I serve join with me in offering heartfelt felicitations on this happy occasion. It is our prayer that you may be given many more years of usefulness and fruitfulness in the Master's Kingdom.

God bless and keep you! And yours!

Respectfully

W.V. Garrett

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Thurmont, Maryland

PARSONAGE PHONE
THURMONT 48

Rev. Chas. H. Corbett, Pastor

September 20, 1947.

Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Congratulations and hearty good wishes to you on the 60th anniversary of your association with Christ Church, as pastor and pastor emeritus.

In October of this year, it will be 26 years that you and I have been fellow-pastors in our beloved Maryland Synod. There are two incidents in our association that I shall remember and always cherish.

1. The fatherly way in which you placed your arm around my shoulders and offered sound and practical advice on the evening of my ordination twenty-six years ago.

2. The Sunday summer evening I met you in St. Andrew's Church, Atlantic City; our stroll on the Boardwalk to your hotel (Haddon Hall), where you read to me one of the poems which you had written that week.

It was good to have known you and to have been associated with you.

May God's blessing continue with you as the shades of life's night enfold you.

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Corbett

Chas. H. Corbett

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

NORTH AVENUE AND PAYSON STREET

Baltimore, Maryland

"We Enter To Worship, We Depart To Serve"

TELEPHONE
MADISON 5163



September 20, 1947

The Rev. Dr. Leander M. Zimmermans

Greetings, prayers and congratulations to you upon this Anniversary. Your many friends at Calvary - the Congregation, Church Council, Pastor and wife - all unite in praying God's continued blessing upon you.

Your name and achievements will never be forgotten as long as our Church exists. Your friendship has meant much to us through the years.

Personally, my wife and myself will never forget the wedding dinner you gave us at your hotel in 1939!

With a heart full of the best for you,
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

James T. Powers

James T. Powers, Pastor

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

PASTOR

REV. WILSON P. ARD, D. D.
240 NORTH POTOMAC STREET

DEACONESS

SISTER PEARL ECKARD
71 EAST AVENUE

My dear Dr. Zimmerman:-

On this 60th anniversary of your rich and abundant life in Christian service I send you my heartiest congratulations.

You have had a glorious ministry, and, under God, you have accomplished much and achieved greatly in the work of the kingdom. Christ Church in Baltimore stands as a towering monument to your vision, your earnestness, your consecration and your unceasing labors.

Through your lovely poems and other writings you are carrying messages of cheer and inspiration to countless thousands.

You are a great and gentle and gracious soul with a heart tender and sympathetic. Indeed you have been a blessing and a source of strength to millions.

May God continue to bless you richly and may your remaining years be filled with golden memories and abiding peace.

Most sincerely,

Wilson P. Ard

I salute you "True Yoke-fellow"! I do not address you as Dr Zimmerman. It is too formal.

I do not address you as "Gimmie". It is too informal.

I prefer to use Paul's phrase, "True Yoke-fellow." (Phil. 4: 3.)

As an appellation it is very appropriate and very suggestive. It implies friendship, fellowship, & partnership. Our friendship began on the Campus of Alma Mater in Gettysburg decades ago; our fellowship has been at the same Table; and our partnership in "The King's Business".

October 8 is a date enshrined in my heart. On Oct. 8, 1884 I led my wife to the Altar & there we pledged our troth. Three years later you led a band of people to the altar & there pledged to them yours all. In that pledge you have been faithful.

I thank God for you & your unflagging service in His Kingdom. Those who know you love you & honor you.

God be with you, "True Yoke-fellow" till we meet again face to face at Jerusalem. Norfolk, Va.

Yours in His Name

Sept. 19, 1947.

George S. Powers

Grace English Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Church Office Telephone

Broadway 1022

September 21, 1947.

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D. D.,
Lafayette Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

On the occasion of the
sixtieth anniversary of Christ Church, and there-
fore the sixtieth anniversary of your service in
the ministry, I can only repeat what I have
said and written to you in the past. But it is
done with pleasure and in the spirit of love.

Your life and service have
always been an inspiration to me. Your faithful-
ness as a preacher, your tirelessness as a pastor,
your firmness of conviction, your gentleness in
dealing with all men, your words of greeting and
of good cheer to the passer-by, your loyalty as
a friend - all these stand out in your long years
as a preacher, and as a source of inspiration
to your fellow-pastors.

Your ministry in the pulpit,
your services in homes, your daily walk and con-
versation, your letters, pamphlets and books -
all these must bring to you a sense of joy, as
you realize that in thus speaking for your Lord
and Master, you have brought peace, and hope, and
light, and love into countless hearts.

On this, your sixtieth anni-
versary, please accept my hearty congratulations,
and be assured of my continued prayers on your
behalf.

Very sincerely,

Paul A. Weidley

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 A. M.

September 22, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

Greetings on your sixtieth anniversary in the Christian ministry. May God continue to bless you richly. Your life has been an inspiration, not only to your parishioners, but to your fellow ministers as well.

May God spare you for more years of service.
Best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Luther E. Schrage

Salem Hebrew Lutheran Mission

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*"My heart's desire
and prayer to God
for Israel is,
that they
might be saved"*

ROMANS 10:1

September 23, 1947

The Rev. John L. Deaton, D. D.,
Charles & Hill Sts.,
Baltimore 30, Md.

Dear Dr. Deaton:

I was happy to learn of your plans for the observance of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Christ Church. It is fitting that the celebration should center around Dr. Zimmerman, that grand patriarch of our Maryland Synod.

It has been my happy privilege to know Dr. Zimmerman almost from the beginning of my ministry in this city, more than a quarter of a century ago, and during all this time I have come to hold a high regard for him as a brother beloved in the Lord. His influence, of course, is not limited to Baltimore. In the summer of 1927, while in Cairo, Egypt, I stepped in into the bookstore of the Nile Mission Press to purchase some cards and a few other things. When I told the gentleman in charge of the store that I was from Baltimore, Md., he asked whether I knew a Dr. Zimmerman, and he began to show me some of his publications. Needless to say, I was happy to tell him all the good that I could about the founder of Christ Lutheran Church.

In my work among my own people I have often met up with Jews who have been the recipients of Dr. Zimmerman's kindness, and who spoke of him in terms of the highest respect. To me personally Dr. Zimmerman has been a boon and an inspiration. My life is all the richer because he crossed my path.

May the Good Lord keep Dr. Zimmerman among us in health and in strength, and may his benign influence spread ever wider among God's children, is my prayer.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Einspruch

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

N. W. CORNER BALTIMORE AND PULASKI STREETS
BALTIMORE 23, MD.

REV. PHILIP S. BARINGER, D. D.

September 23, 1947

PARSONAGE: 2106 W. BALTIMORE ST.
TELEPHONE: GILMOR 3838

Christ English Lutheran Church
Rev. John L. Deaton, D.D., Pastor
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Dr. Deaton:

It is with deep appreciation that I am privileged to extend to Christ Lutheran Church congratulations on its Sixtieth Anniversary, and above all, to share in paying tribute to the founder of the congregation, Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, on his 87th birthday.

To Dr. Zimmerman especially I am happy to address these words:

To few men has been given the privilege to serve so long and well in the service of our Lord and Master. Your ministry has not been confined merely to a local parish, but has been nationwide. We thank God that he so richly endowed you with the gift of expression, and above all, of the Holy Spirit, to interpret his ministry and message to a sinful world. It has been a pleasure at all times to distribute among the sick your printed words of cheer, and long after you have been tendered your heavenly reward your ministry will still continue.

Best wishes from Trinity and myself are tendered herewith on this eventful occasion, and our hope and prayer is that God may spare you for further years of usefulness, all according to his own wise purpose.

This letter comes to you from my heart as I lay an invalid in West Baltimore General Hospital. Many times during the three weeks that I have been flat on my back have I thought of you, and your cheerful and radiant faith has comforted me.

Praying God's richest blessing upon you and looking forward with pleasure to meeting you again, I am

Cordially yours,

P. S. Baringer
P. S. BARINGER, D.D. *lhr*

PSB:lhr

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

FOURTEENTH AND GALLATIN STREETS, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Congratulations
On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary
of Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Pastor emeritus of Christ Lutheran Church
Baltimore, Md.

It is with a sense of deep appreciation
of the personal friendship and intimate
fellowship of Dr. Zimmerman that I write
these lines. His life has been an inspiration
not only to the members of his congregation
and to his ministerial brethren of the Lutheran
Synod of Maryland, but also to all with
whom he has at any time come in contact.
In the sunset of life with the gift of
"the pen of a ready writer" he still "brings
forth fruit in old age." Congratulations!
And our Heavenly Father bless
Dr. Zimmerman with His abiding
Presence and Peace.

Henry Manken, Jr.
Washington, D. C.

THE MANOR LUTHERAN PARISH
ST. MATTHEW & ST. MARK - ST. LUKE
Doubts, Md.
Arthur G. Null, B.D.,
Pastor

September 19, 1947

Dear Dr. Deaton: —

Indeed we would express our deepest gratitude at the unusual success of Dr. L. M. Zimmerman in his ministerial as also in his literary life. Few men are privileged to attain such extraordinary success in life and also to live and enjoy its blessings. Few men in the Church have had such a fruitful ministry.

When we began the Mission at Hillen Road and 30th., Sts, it was he who gave us his fullest support. He presented to the Mission a marble Baptismal Font at a cost of \$150.00 and baptised our daughter, Hannah Louise, the first to use it. Never shall we forget the generosity of this man of God while ~~over~~ we have breath.

Perhaps no other man of his profession has done for down-town- Baltimore, in earlier years, what this untiring pastor has done in helping its poor and needy -and with it to build one of the largest congregations in the city who now rise up and call him 'blessed!' .

With Deepest Appreciation,

Rev. And Mrs. Arthur G. Null
Doubts, Md.

September 12, 1917

Dear Mr. [Name]

Indeed we could expand our range of activities at the
general expense of Mr. [Name] in the [Name] [Name] [Name]
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one of the [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]
and call him [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]

Very truly yours,
[Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name] [Name]

Hagerstown, Md.
Sept, 22, 47.

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman D. D. LL. D.
Washington, D. C.

My dear old friend and Brother in the Ministry:-

Greetings and congratulations on your long and useful life in the Ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fruits of your labors have been maturing, and those which you have plucked from the Tree of Life must be very pleasant for you to look upon and enjoy in a ripe old age. The great Church (Christ's of Baltimore) which you organized sixty years ago will always stand as a monument to your able and efficient Ministry.

Your books and booklets (which are your children) will carry on bring^y messages of good cheer to the discouraged, the sick and shut-ins long after you lay down your pen.

With pleasure do I recall, upon entering the Synod forty years ago, how you, during the meeting of Synod, in Baltimore invited several young men, new in the Synod, to meet with you at a certain Hotel that we may get better acquainted.

You, then proved a grand HOST. Now, instead of being host, at the 60th Anniversary of the Church you founded, you are GUEST instead of Host among your many friends.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee, The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

With every good wish I remain, as ever,
your old friend,

John W. Ott



THE CITY BANK

10TH STREET & PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 6, 1947

THOMAS P. HICKMAN
VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Christ English Lutheran Church
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman

Sixty Years a Christian Minister. What a record
for the Master's Kingdom.

I truly feel I have fellowship with one who is
even in the flesh, what we shall see and know when we
are of the spirit.

It has been a joy and a true inspiration to know
and work with you during the years of our acquaintance.

Never until time ends will the spirit and influence
of your great life cease.

With deep gratitude for what your life and example
means in my own life.

I am,

Sincerely,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Th. Hickman".

Thomas P. Hickman

MESSIAH ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
O'DONNELL AND POTOMAC STREETS
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
REV. RUSSEL J. CROUSE, S.T.M., PASTOR

September 24, 1947

The Reverend L.M. Zimmerman D.D.

Washington

D.C.

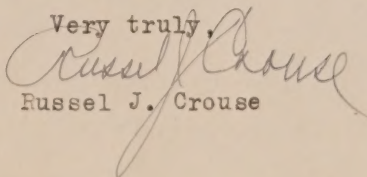
Dear Pastor Zimmerman:

Greetings on this Sixtieth Anniversary celebration and a wish for God's abundant grace in the days ahead as you have received it in large measure in the glorious years that are gone.

You have been a source of inspiration to many of us younger Pastors. We have watched your lab-or through the years and have taken heart when days were "bad". We have admired your fine ministry of tracts that has touched and healed many, many souls.

With grateful appreciation for your zeal and devotion in the service of the Kingdom of Christ, I am,

Very truly,



Russel J. Crouse

My dear Dr. Zimmermann,

Greetings from one who was Ordained as a Minister when you were President of the Maryland Synod in Middletown and who has been associated with you in its service from that time until the present time.

Your good counsel and advice have always been happily and helpfully received.

Your Ministry of Christ's Church has always been noted as being most outstanding in services rendered, by all the brethren of the Synod.

Your pen has been most fruitful in giving Comfort and Consolations to unnamed multitudes and especially to the sick and shut-ins.

Please accept my hearty Congratulation on this the 60th year in the Service of Christ's Church and your outstanding Ministry for the Master and His Kingdom.

My Prayer is that God may continue to bless you abundantly with all His riches for your Loving Kindness and Tender Mercies.

Sincerely Yours in
Christian Love and Faith
D. J. Miller

Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Rev. Paul C. Burgdorf, Ph. D., Pastor



PHONE: HAMILTON 0271

4601 BELAIR ROAD AT MORAVIA AVENUE

BALTIMORE 6, MARYLAND

September- 23-1947.

The Reverend Doctor L. M. Zimmerman,
on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary
of Christ Lutheran Church. City.

Dear Doctor.

Having been privileged of knowing you 35 years
and observing your fruitful ministry as pastor
of Christ Church -the Church you founded and
served so faithfully,efficiently and unselfishly
many years, it seems to me the secret of
your ~~success~~ success was the radiant and contagious
JOY IN THE SERVICE .

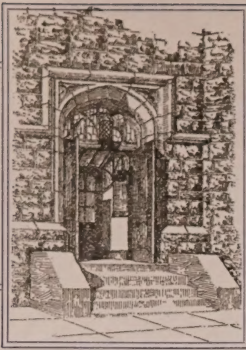
To me it seemes as if you had adopted the words
of ST.Paul as your Motto ,recorded Acts 20;24:
"But none of these things (Hardships of the
ministry) move me,neither count I my life
dear to myself,-so that I might finish
my course with J O Y. and the ministry
whicn I have received of the Lord Jesus.."
King James translat.

May this J O Y in the Service remains with you
until the last.

This is my prayerful wish on this joyful occasion.

Yours fraternally

Paul C. Burgdorf
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The English Evangelical
Lutheran Church of the Reformation

Caroline and Lanvale Streets

Baltimore 13, Md.

September 23, 1947

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The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., Pastor Emeritus
Christ Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Sts.
Baltimore 30, Md.

Dear Elder Pastor:

The Pastor and people of Reformation Church are honored in the privilege of sending a word of greeting to our sister Church on her Sixtieth Anniversary and to her beloved and greatly esteemed Pastor Emeritus.

We have all heard it said that a great institution is but the lengthened shadow of a great man. Baltimore Lutheranism has seen that truth incarnate in a great and flourishing Zion of our Lord Jesus Christ and in Dr. L. M. Zimmerman.

The best tribute we can speak for your devoted life is to remind you that many pastors and congregations in this city cherish the desire of experiencing such an affectionate bond as exists between you and your people.

In some measure, all of us have entered into your labors. For this blessing we honor and thank you.

With sincerest greetings,

Howard F. Reisz
Pastor,
Lutheran Church of the Reformation

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

8808 HARFORD ROAD
PARKVILLE, MARYLAND

REV. CARL C. WIEBKING, PASTOR
3005 PUTTY HILL AVENUE,
PARKVILLE, MD.
TEL. BOULEVARD 1124-J

September 24th, 1947.

WIFE OF
XISTER ELIZABETH GREE,
PARISH DEACONESS
8808 HARFORD ROAD
PARKVILLE, MD.
TEL. BOULEVARD 1124-J

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Dr. L.M. Zimmermann all my life. As a child he placed his hand upon my head, as was his custom with all children. Dr. Zimmermann has done a wonderful work in South Baltimore, starting and erecting Christ Church to the Glory of God, and the up-building of the Kingdom of God in that community. He is loved, not only by his own parishoners, but by all who know him all over the city. Christ Church is a living testimony of his work. He is not only a good preacher, but a pastor and counsellor, and a poet of great distinction. Dr. Zimmermann placed a leaded glass window in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Parkville, during the pastorate of the Rev. W.E. Saltzgiver.

Dr. Zimmermann has not only lived a life patterned by the great teacher, Jesus, but also after the poem by Samuel Walter Foss, "The House By The Side Of The Road."

Let me live in a house by the side of the road

Where the race of men go by-

The men who are good and the men who are bad,

As good and as bad as I;

I would not sit in the scorner's seat

Or hurl the cynic's ban-

Let me live in a house by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

Respectfully Yours

In His Service,

Carl C. Wieking Pastor.

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

THE REV. HERBERT L. SCHLUDERBERG, B. D., Pastor

5023 GWYNN OAK AVENUE

BALTIMORE 7, MARYLAND

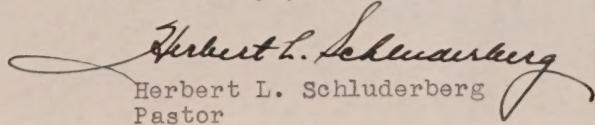
September 24, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

Your many years of fruitful service in the Master's vineyard have strengthened our Church and have helped to make our City better. May God continue to use you and your talents as a means of extending the Gospel.

We in Redeemer Church congratulate you.

Sincerely yours,


Herbert L. Schluderberg
Pastor

A tribute of love and a meed of praise to my
dear friend, Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.

I thank our Heavenly Father, that under the
Spirit's guidance, you have been such a devoted
Co-worker with his Son, Jesus Christ in extending
His Kingdom on earth. Having organized Christ
Luth. Church and faithfully serving as its pastor
for so many years, you preached the unsearchable
riches of his grace to thousands of men and women
and children, sowing in their hearts, faith, love and
obedience to our Lord, the fruitage, of which, will
be only fully revealed in eternity. And by your
books and poems, you have brought comfort to
those in sorrow; have helped others to bear their
burdens; have inspired others to a closer walk with
God and to a deeper trust in Him and in many
other ways, you have been a blessing to the children
of men. I treasure in my memory the many kind-
nesses you showed to me, in the by-gone years
and your words of appreciation and help-fulness.

May God's richest blessings be showered upon
you and may He keep you, under his sheltering
wings.

With sincere love and appreciation,

Your friend,

William G. Minnick.

To we who are beginning it is a true inspiration to follow those whose footsteps are sure in the race of life. Your inspiration to younger men in the ministry can never be measured, but it is as sure as those fruits more apparent.

Accept my congratulations to you and your Church on this happy occasion. I am fortunate to know you, Dr. Zimmerman, and hope our friendship may continue through the years.

Sincerely
Mussers White.

EMMANUEL ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

EAST BALTIMORE AND ROBINSON STREETS

BALTIMORE, MD.

REV. CHARLES J. HINES, PASTOR

27 S. ELLWOOD AVENUE

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is a pleasure to have even a small part in commemorating your sixty year connection with Christ Church. As a youngster, I heard my father talk of the work in South Baltimore that Gimmie (as he affectionately called you) was doing. At that time it meant nothing to me.

When I was older and planning to enter the ministry, you had words of kindness and encouragement for me as you had for many young men.

Still later in life, I came to appreciate more fully the splendid work at Christ Church. It was not built upon a man as critics said. Events have proved that it was founded on the true foundation.

Year in and year out you preached to more people than any minister in Baltimore. After formal retirement your ministry has continued through the printed page. Your messages have warmed and comforted many hearts.

Your life and character have spoken as eloquently as ^{your} spoken or written words.

As one of many to whom your life has been a benediction, I am with warm personal regards

Yours sincerely

Charles J. Hines.

Sept. 22, 1947.

----- Dr. L. M. Zimmerman -----

When thinking of Dr. Zimmerman our thoughts flow in several directions.

When thinking of his immense influence in this great city we think of 'the aroma of
the sweet incense of a life freely dedicated as a living sacrifice;

When thinking of his building up of the 'Christ' congregation we think of the
church,--fitly framed together and coordinated, rooted and grounded in
Christian sacrificial love and service;

When thinking of his departure from 'Christ' Church we think of Joshua, knowing
when his work was done and gracefully handing it over to younger hands;

When thinking of his years of retirement, we think of a watchful waiting which is
also glorious service.

The world is truly enriched by lives such as that of Dr. L.M.Zimmerman. Our
greetings and congratulations, both to him and the congregation which he established.

Sincerely,

John E. Graefe

St. John's Lutheran Church

REV. DONALD F. BRAKE, PASTOR

203 GRAND AVENUE

Cumberland, Md.

September 25, 1947

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman D.D.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Zimmerman:-

It is with joy that I write these few words on the occasion of your Sixtieth Anniversary in the Christian Ministry. Many of us at retirement become inactive Ministers and our period of service is limited by our ties to a certain Congregation, but yours has been active from the very beginning.

Well do I remember the joy which came to the people of my Congregation at Middletown as they received the booklets of beautiful poems which came from your later Ministry. What a wonderful work you have carried on and continue to carry on for Him and His cause.

Accept my heartiest greetings and congratulations on this great occasion of your life. May God continue to add His rich blessings to you and to the many who have felt the touch of your Ministry.

Very Cordially Yours

Rev. D. F. Brake

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Epiphany Lutheran Church
of Powellmaron

RASPE AND MARLUTH AVENUES
BALTIMORE 6, MARYLAND

REV. AUGUSTUS HACKMANN, PASTOR
REV. F. A. HIGHTMAN, PASTOR EMERITUS

September 25th, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

I wish again to thank you for the helpful poems and books you have penned and given away. I think it is wonderful how the Lord has given you the strength and grace to build up so large and faithful a Congregation, and now in bringing forth a literature that has blessed so many. May He continue to help you to help others in the years to come shall be one of my prayers.

Very sincerely and gratefully,
F. A. Hightman

Evangelical Lutheran Church

CORNER CHURCH AND SECOND STS.

REV. B. CLINTON RITZ, D.D., PASTOR
43 SOUTH CHURCH STREET

WAYNESBORO, PENNA.

REV. LOUIS K. HELLDORFER, B.D.,
ASSISTANT PASTOR
34 FAIRVIEW AVENUE

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September 26th., 1947.

Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

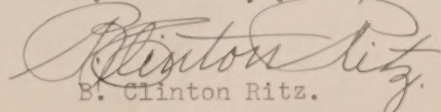
I am happy to learn of the plans to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of Christ Church, and of your service in it. Your congregation has done a marvelous work in that period of time. You would have deserved highest commendation if it had taken you twice as long to accomplish so much.

Dr. Zimmerman, you are one of those rare souls who needs no monument; for, what better monument could you have than Christ Lutheran Church of Baltimore? You gave the inspired leadership that not only laid the foundation, but also built the superstructure thereon. You are able to see, as few of us are, the results of a long and fruitful ministry, all centered in one splendid congregation, - a Church that from its earliest beginnings until it became one of the largest and most influential in our Synod, was the result of your wise and devoted leadership, and self-sacrificing service. What man would not be proud to leave such unmistakable evidence of the faithfulness and efficiency of his life work?

But even Christ Church is not the full measure of your fruitful life. Only God can adequately estimate the value of your service to the thousands of individuals, in and outside of your congregation, whose lives you touched and influenced. I am happy to have counted you among my friends; and your friendship always seemed so genuine, and not just professional. Ever since I first met you, you have always been very kind to me, and I have appreciated it very much. It has been a privilege to receive and read the many messages from your pen. And whether it was the spoken or written word, it always had the ring of genuineness and sincerity.

My dear Dr. Zimmerman! God has most certainly richly blessed your labors in His Name; and I doubt not that He has just as wonderfully enriched your own personal life. My very sincere congratulations to you on your unusually fruitful life and service, and my very best wishes for your continued happiness throughout life here, and through all eternity.

Very sincerely yours,


B. Clinton Ritz.

Dr.L. M. Zimmerman the living evidence
of a Christ Born man who by voice and
pen has brought hope, joy and peace
into the lives of many friendless men
and women.

M. A. Ashby

Shenandoah, Va.
September 23, 1946.

ROBERT D. CLARE
PASTOR ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1900 ST. PAUL STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

7/27/47.

My dear Doctor Zimmerman:-

It has been a joy and inspiration to know you throughout the many years of your fruitful ministry in pulpit and parish and the wider field of the Church's activity; and I speak not only for myself, but also for the St. Mark's congregation, in paying you a tribute of highest esteem and and grateful love upon this occasion when all your friends delight to do you honor. God grant you a serene and beautiful eventide as you near the hour when the trumpets will sound for you on the Other Side and the music of the Gospel which you have proclaimed so faithfully will lead you Home.

Your true friend and brother,

Robert D. Clare

LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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E. A. D. NORANBROCK, 405 S. Bonsal Street

Dear Brother Zimmerman:-

It is with a sense of privilege that I send you these few lines of fraternal greeting and good wishes on the occasion of your sixtieth anniversary. I, too, seek and sought to develop a forsaken and rather despised field. With great gratitude, I once received from you a gift for our new mission. The later, you told me I was doing for south-east Baltimore what you had done in south Baltimore over 40 years before.

Your example as a faithful pastor has helped me very much, and whatever success I have had, has been largely due to walking in your steps, as you walked in the steps of Christ "Going about and doing good".

With other pastors, I have profited from your writings, but the greatest help has been your Christian spirit and example. We have now grown from a dozen people to nearly 500 members. We are now raising money for a larger church building, and we have been self-supporting and free from debt since 1941. It is my dream and prayer that we may here establish for Christ a strong, working, praying, congregation, as you did at Charles and Hill Streets.

May Our Heavenly Father richly reward and bless you both in this world and in the world where Christ waits to welcome and reward His faithful servants.

Fraternally Yours

The Rev C G. Empie

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THIRD STREET AND WASHBURN AVENUE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

REV. I WILSON KEPNER, Pastor
224 WASHBURN AVENUE
BALTIMORE 25 MARYLAND

CONGRATULATIONS

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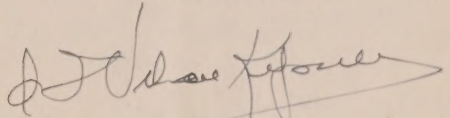
Dr. L. M. Zimmerman

St. John's congregation considers it an honor to be numbered among those many friends who rejoice with you tonight on the occasion of your 87th Birthday and the 60th Anniversary of the church you founded and for which congregation you gave a most fruitful Gospel ministry.

We, thank our Heavenly Father, for your, your ministry and exemplary Christ-like living and teaching, which has enriched and ennobled many a soul.

Our best wishes continue with you, that your may be days of abundant living and supreme peace in Him.

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'I. Wilson Kepner', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

I. Wilson Kepner,
Pastor

REV. ERNEST ROEDEL MCCAULEY, D.D.
PASTOR
605 LINNARD STREET

REV. PAUL LOTTICH, B.D.
ASSISTANT PASTOR

MR. WM. H. SIEGMAN
LAY READER

All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church

EDMONDSON AVENUE AND LYNDBURST STREET

TELEPHONE: RESIDENCE
GILMOR 2927

Baltimore, Md.

October 1, 1947

The Reverend L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.
My dear Doctor and Brother Beloved:

"Would that I might utter
All my heart can feel,
But there are thoughts
Weak words will not reveal."

Since learning of your approaching celebration - your Sixtieth year in busy service for our Master - I have tried to fashion fitting phrase to express to you what my heart feels.

When I think of your long, unique, and fruitful service, I am always thrilled and amazed. Few men or ministers are permitted to remain and enjoy such a living monument as you have reared in Christ Church.

For most of your busy years of service I have been cheered, and actuated to better things and greater zeal by your restless mind, and fluent pen, and Christfull preaching.

It has always been a benediction to greet you at Synod, Conference, and Ministerial gatherings. Each conversation with you, whether short or long, has made me feel a little closer to heaven, and has left in my heart something of that sweet thing which Jesus promised to those who love Him - "The Peace of God."

You have been justly honored with academic and theologic titles, but best of all, and more greatly to be desired you have striven to be numbered with the "wise who have turned many to righteousness, and who shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and as the stars forever and ever."

If tarrying here be a thing to be desired, when you have in prospect the "City that lieth foresquare," and the host there who will greet you and call you blessed; we trust you can abide patiently with us for yet a long while.

As you hasten down the western slope of life may all your sunsets be beautiful and bright, and may the last one gather up all the glory and grandeur and sweetness of your well spent days.

With sincere appreciation and love,
Faithfully,

Ernest Roedel McCauley

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

27th STREET NEAR WEST AVENUE

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

ROY L. SLOOP, Pastor
961 17th Street

September 30, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman,
% Christ English Lutheran Church,
Hill and Charles Streets,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Greetings and congratulations to you on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of your Ordination. How richly God has blessed you in those sixty years and what a blessing He has made those sixty years of your ministry to a countless number of His Children! No one but God can know the full measure of hope, joy, courage, renewed loyalty to Christ and Christian determination that has been born and reborn in the hearts of so many weary, discouraged and hopeless souls, as God used your life and consecrated abilities to minister to their needs.

I am grateful to be ~~numbered~~ among your friends. I appreciate the privilege Dr. Deaton has given me to join your large host of well-wishers in greetings. I wish it might have been possible to be present at the dinner in your honor.

Serving in Christ Church gave me the very great blessing of knowing the three grand servants of God who have been her Pastors through sixty years.

While going in and out among the wonderful people of Christ Church, I got a chance to see you through the hearts of these people who love you and are grateful to you. It was a good picture I saw. God continue to bless and use you. Affectionately, Roy L. Sloop

A TRIBUTE?

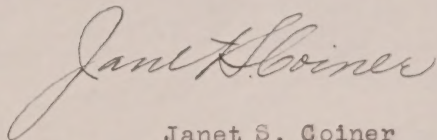
NO tribute can do justice to Doctor Zimmerman;
For only God knows the full depth of his worth!
He must live in more hearts of his fellowmen
Than any other of God's servants on earth!

He began his ministry quite early in youth,
With a life full of dedicated power;
And the result was the founding of CHRIST ENGLISH CHURCH,
Where his influence is felt to this very hour!

Down in Triumph Hall was the humble beginning;
But steadily his group so greatly increased,
That soon to Charles and Hill they were moving;
Where now led by Doctor Deaton, growth has never ceased!

Never was a life so completely devoted,
Nor a name held more dear than ZIMMERMAN!
Surely the answer by all must be noted--
'Twas God-given power and Christ's love for all men!

He has been privileged to reach the age eighty-six;
And his parish is sixty years old!
Now, if we so devote our lives to Christ's service,
Surely all in God's love will eternity enfold!



Janet S. Goiner
10/1/47.

15 East Hill Street
Baltimore 30, Maryland
October 1, 1947

Dr. L. M. Zimmerman
Christ Lutheran Church
Charles Hill Street
Baltimore 30, Maryland

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

Congratulations!

The anniversary of sixty years of labor in one
pasture is an occasion deserving congratulations especially
when it can be said of the laborer "well done thou good
and faithful servant." I am sure that throughout these sixty
years your daily theme must have been, "study to show
thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not
to be ashamed" for you have indeed proved yourself worthy
of God's call.

In all humility, I as present assistant pastor of
the church which you founded, am truly proud to be
able to work in the shadow of the firm foundation which
you have established. It is there that I am learning
"the way." Your Christian friendliness, generosity, humility,
inspiration and spirit have become your biography
written indelibly in the hearts and minds of your many
friends. Yes, wherever I go, I hear and I see

(over)

of the fruits of your labors. Thus your thoughts, words and deeds are affirmations of your use of the blessings which God has bestowed upon you.

I therefore, may I again extend to you my hearty congratulations and best wishes on this great occasion. God bless you, and may you have many years in His service.

Sincerely yours,

Howard O. Bailey

October 1, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on this great occasion, the 60th anniversary of your association with this loyal group of members of, "The Church You Can't Forget."

Even though your health required you to retire from active service, you still exert a great influence in the life of Christ Church and retain the affection and love of all the members.

Your personal touch has brought peace and comfort to many hearts and homes.

With God's richest blessing for you, I am

Sincerely yours,

John R. Heingerling

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
BIBLE SCHOOL
CHARLES AND HILL STS.
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

There are times when the words of our language are insufficient and incapable of expressing the real feelings in our hearts and minds. This is one of those times.

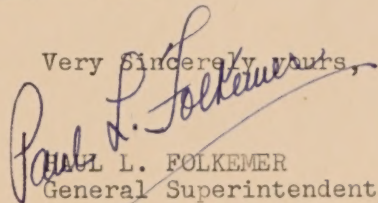
As the representative of the Bible School of Christ English Lutheran Church, I offer most sincerely our congratulations to you on this wonderful anniversary-----60 years of ministry for Jesus Christ.

Mere words cannot possibly express our true feelings of gratitude, reverence, and joy, which are in our hearts this day. We want you to know that we in the Bible School go forward in the teaching of God's Word with the knowledge that your inspiration and prayers will lead us.

We want you to know, too; that your spiritual guidance, inspiration and love will lead us in our Bible School teaching long after our Lord has called you Home.

We rejoice and thank God for this wonderful privilege of sharing with you, joy of this anniversary.

Very Sincerely yours,


PAUL L. FOLKEMER
General Superintendent

Baltimore September 30th 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman.

Best Wishes and congratulations
on your 60th Anniversary as
founder of Christ Lutheran Church.

"The Church you Can't Forget."

I am grateful to God that you
have had the strength to carry
on the work at Christ Church
for so many years and pray
that God will continue to give
you health and strength for
many more years to come.

Sincerely
George Stoll

OTTO DORGUTH
2797 THE ALAMEDA
BALTIMORE 18, MARYLAND

September 29th 1947.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,
Pastor:

Mrs. Dorguth, joins me in
expressing our warmest Congratulation
to you on this your 60th Anniversary. Oct 8, 1947
may God, Bless you and keep you Steadfast
to enjoy your smiling countenance for
many, many more years.

Your Counsel to us has been and inspiration
through all the 40 yrs as well as a blessing.

Yours in Faith,

Mr. & Mrs. Otto Dorguth.

2868 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, 23, Maryland,

September 29, 1947.

Reverend L.M. Zimmerman, D.D.,
Washington, D.C.,

My dear Friend:-

On behalf of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Christ English Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md., which had its beginning under your very efficient leadership, may I express to you my deep appreciation for what "The Church You Can't Forget" has meant to my family and I.

Some of my fondest recollections and associations with Christ Church concern you. For instance, our letters, when I was in the Far East during 1928 and 1929. Also, our very personal chats on the B&O trains between Washington and Baltimore. I hope you still have the watch charm I procured in Japan, and presented to you in 1929. For your information, I claim credit for having distributed your fine booklets farther from Christ Church, than anyone else. The farthest point from Baltimore where I handed copies to my friends, was at Hobart, Tasmania, located South of Australia's mainland.

There, they were appreciated just as much as in various other parts of the world, where I handed them to friends. Also, riding along with me on board in foreign lands, was an autographed photo of yourself, which was gazed upon many times by my friends in foreign countries. So you see, while you were gathering together literature covering your impressions and realizations about Jesus, our Saviour, and God and His Love, some of your ambassadors were assisting you in the distribution of your writings in foreign lands.

There are so many nice things I could add to this, but maybe you'd like to know that we, of Christ Church, will always feel toward you, every day of the year, as we feel toward you on this 60th Anniversary, and may God in His Infinite Wisdom, spare you for many more anniversaries, and bless you richly for the inspiration and example you have set before us.

Sincerely and Gratefully

Edith M. Kuhn

2868 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, 27, Maryland,

September 29, 1917.

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Edith M. Zimmerman

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. A. C. WALDKOENIG, S.T.D., PASTOR
LEMINGTON AND PAULSON AVENUES
PITTSBURGH, PA.



October 2, 1947.

To my beloved Pastor:-

Sixty years in the vineyard of the Lord! And every moment has been a blessed and busy one. Yes, you are my beloved Pastor, - the only one I have ever known. Both Carolyn and I know and experience the deep love of the Lord Jesus because of your ministry to us as children of your household of faith. We have had the real joy of being the first of your disciples to go forth in the Master's field, and in all the work that we have attempted we have followed your pattern, your devotion, your love and your spirit.

Sixty years of toil and tears, sacrifice and service, love and labor, but in it all you have kept the light of faith aglow and you have been captain to a host of humanity, leading them to the arms of Jesus! God's richest blessing to you this day!

May God spare you for many happy years to come.

You are in our prayers, our heart always.

*Your children
Carolyn Metcalfe Waldkoenig
Arthur C. Waldkoenig.*

September 29, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

It is with pleasure that I join the hosts of people who are extending congratulations and good wishes to you as you observe the 60th anniversary of your ordination and your association with our beloved Christ Lutheran Church.

The fact that after almost a quarter century of retirement, you still maintain such a large and influential place in the life of Christ Church, and continue to receive such a full measure of affection and esteem from her many members, is indeed a eloquent tribute to the uniqueness of your pastoral heart.

I feel, personally, a special relationship to you who ordained me to the Christian ministry. To that is added a large indebtedness, in that you made possible to such a great degree the Church that has enriched and influenced my own life beyond measure. The longer I live the more appreciative I am of Christ Church, which is so truly "The Church You Can't Forget" because you made it so unforgettable.

May, "Well done, good and faithful servant," bless you all the days of your life.

Sincerely,

Howard O. Walker

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, . .



. . ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."--I Cor. 11:26

First Lutheran Church
Chambersburg, Pa.

Pastor

The Rev. Carroll S. Klug

October 6, 1947

The Reverend L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D.
Christ English Lutheran Church
Charles and Hill Streets
Baltimore 30, Md.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

It is a privilege and more than a privilege to write this letter of greeting on the occasion of the dinner commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of your ordination and your association with Christ Church.

This dinner will be a testimonial to the influence that your fine, Christian spirit has exercised in the lives of literally thousands of people. This letter is a testimonial to the influence and guidance that you have exercised in my life and in the life of my parental home. From my first tottering footsteps through college and seminary you were my light. Through the nearly twenty years of my ministry I have found myself asking over and over, "What would Dr. Zimmerman do in this situation?" It seems so small a thing to say only, "Thank you." Yet I know that appreciation is all that a great heart like yours would desire.

I am particularly happy that God has permitted you to be among us until this time so that you may know the esteem and love that we have for you. Above our little loves, however, there is surrounding you the great love of the Heavenly Father whose voice must be whispering to you in these days "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Down through the years your influence in the lives of men will go even after the Father has called you to be with Him. If it is true that you are the founder and long-time pastor of "The Church You Can't Forget," it is equally true that you are "The Servant of God We Can't Forget."

The Church Council of First Church, Chambersburg, by action at its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 1, requested that I convey to you the felicitations of our congregation on this happy occasion.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carroll S. Klug

Carroll S. Klug

For as often as I go to the bank and check the cash, I find it is the same. - Oct. 11/20



First National Bank
Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Oct. 11, 1920

October 11, 1920

My dear Mr. [Name]
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. [Name]:

It is a privilege and honor to have a letter from you, and I am sure that the committee on the subject of the [Name] will be very glad to have your suggestions and recommendations.

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Committee on the Subject of the [Name]
Philadelphia, Pa.



Epiphany Lutheran Church
of Powellmaron

RASPE AND MARLUTH AVENUES
BALTIMORE 6, MARYLAND

REV. AUGUSTUS HACKMANN, PASTOR
REV. F. A. NIGHTMAN, PASTOR EMERITUS

September 22, 1947.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman:

As one of your own "boys" I am happy to add my greeting to the hundreds which you will receive on the happy occasion of the 60th Anniversary of Christ Church.

I shall never be able to express adequately my deep spiritual debt to you. As a boy of ten I began attending the Services of Christ Church regularly, and I am quite certain now that the influence of your ministry was one of the decisive factors which led me to choose the ministry as my life calling. I shall always be grateful for the privilege of being in the next to the last of your Confirmation Classes. Indeed, you played an important part in most of the great experiences of my life - my Baptism, my Confirmation, and my Installation as pastor of Epiphany.

I pray that God will bless these golden years of your life with the glowing satisfaction of a great work well done. May the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour bless you with peace and joy unabated.

God bless you "Daddy" Pastor on this great occasion, and may He grant you many more years of active and consecrated Service in His Name.

Your spiritual son in the Faith,

A. Hackmann
Rev. Augustus Hackmann,
Pastor.

Parsonage:
4310 Glenmore Ave.
Baltimore-6, Md.

September 17, 1947.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

Every ministerial son of
Christ Church is in some way indebted
to you for your faithful and marvelous
ministry. You have set the pattern and
determined the spirit of "The Church You
Can't Forget."

In this Anniversary Year, as we
pay high respect to our "Home Church", this
son thanks you for your everlasting contribution
to his ministry and the Church he cherishes.

Sincerely,
Lawrence D. Folkemer

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Linthicum Heights, Md.

Carl M. Folkemer, Pastor

Dear Mr. Zimmerman,

It is a great joy to anyone associated with Christ Lutheran Church, to send greetings to one who, by the grace of God, has meant so much to the history of this, our congregation. But especially is it a joy, I believe, for one who is proud and honored to be called "a ministerial son of Christ Church."

My Christian experience was begun with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, in which you held me up before the Lord as His child. Your ministry, though moved by the Spirit of God, was largely responsible for my parents presenting me to our Saviour. A truly "good work" was performed by you in my life. And as all of us think back over 60 years of the life of our Church, we are again and again reminded, that it was through your kind and tireless and loving ministry that that great child, "Christ Church", was born into the Kingdom of God. By your prayers, untiring labor, patience and endurance, she has grown to a full and strong womanhood. During the days of her strength, after many of the hardships had been passed, it was my privilege to be born and developed within her sanctuary.

Out of a sense of deep gratitude for what Christ Church, your child, has meant and will always mean to my life, I send this personal greeting of God's richest blessings to you. What you have conceived, planted and nurtured is of the very fabric of my ministry. To renounce it or to pass by it lightly, would be to cut off an essential spiritual outpouring into my life.

I congratulate you for the spiritual power of Christ Church. But even then I should not be accurate. I give thanks to God for what He has been able to do through your life.

As you have often said, "Children will rise up and call you blessed" if your life is dedicated to our Heavenly Father. Accept this humble blessing from one of the "sons of Christ Church", to one who has been constantly moved by the Spirit of God to real life dedication.

Gratefully yours,
Carl Folkemer

ST. THOMAS' LUTHERAN CHURCH

W. LEIGH BELL

CHARLES TOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

A little while before
October 8, 1947

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

Best wishes on this blessed occasion!

There is a favorite "illustration" of mine which, after using it so many times with others, I turn it back to you -- with appreciation. It goes like this:

I can remember numerous special services in my home church when the "daddy" pastor of that congregation was asked to return to the pulpit. He was our first pastor. We were, technically, the only congregation he had served.

As he stepped into the pulpit on each such occasion, I felt that even though he said not a word there would be a great sermon. And there was something in the air that told me that many, many others in those congregations of more than 2,000 strong felt precisely the same way.

Unknowingly, he always preached two sermons at those times. The first was always a sermon that we could see!

The words of one member on one of those occasions will remain unforgettable. She said, "God must be like that." Saying the very same thing a little differently -- The index of a magnificent life is that others catch a glimpse of God working in and through that life.

I think that digs down to the root of my gratitude much better than I could get to it in any other way.

Very sincerely and very thankfully,

Leigh Bell

ST. THOMAS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHURCH LANE, WEST VIRGINIA

A little while before
October 2, 1927

Dear Mr. [Name]

Best wishes on this pleasant occasion

There is a favorite illustration of mine which, since
saying it so many times with others, I wish to look to you
with appreciation. It goes like this:

I can remember many special occasions in my home
church when the "Lenten" season of that country was
asked to return to the pulpit. He was our first pastor.
He was, technically, the only congregation he had
served.

As we stepped into the light on each new occasion,
I felt that even though he said that a word there would
be a great reward. And there was something in the way
that told me that very, very often in those conversations
or more than 2,000 strong left graciously on the way.

Unfortunately, he always presented two reasons for those
times. The first was always a sermon that he could read.
The words of the member on one of those occasions
will remain indelible. He said, "I am not of this
kind." He was very sure and a little differently --
The index of a magnificent life that came into a
light of the world and a blessing that life.

I think that life will be the best of us, and that
better than I could get to it in any other way.

Very sincerely and very respectfully,
[Signature]

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York, Pa.

Assistant Pastor—

REV. GORDON E. FOLKEMER

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September 30, 1947.

Dear Dr. Zimmerman,

As one of the little boys whom you patted on the cheek every Sunday morning during your active days at Christ Church, I should like to congratulate you on this 60th Anniversary celebration of your ordination and association with Christ Church.

For all of us who love Christ Church, this celebration is a most fitting one. For we all owe a great debt of gratitude to our "Daddy Pastor" who did so much toward creating and nourishing the wonderful spirit of the "Church-you-can't-forget." Thank you for all that you have meant to me, my, family, my friends, and my church. Wherever the Christ Church spirit is carried your influence will be felt. We shall never forget you. At least, I know I shall not forget you.

Sincerely,
Gordon Folkemer

Leitersburg ,Md.,September 25,1947.

Dear Doctor Deaton:

It is a very great pleasure to join the many friends of the Reverend Doctor L.M.Zimmerman in congratulations on his most successful life and ministry. They speak for themselves. They are the exhibits of a life of love and devotion to his Lord. We ask his beloved Master's richest blessing for him.

Yours Sincerely,

I. D. Worman,

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